

Fair tonight; Tuesday un-settled, probably snow with rising temperature.

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LOWELL MASS. MONDAY DECEMBER 17 1917

6 O'CLOCK

PRICE ONE CENT

GERMANS SINK 11 SHIPS IN NORTH SEA

MISS VARNEY'S COUNSEL PLEADS FOR ACQUITTAL

DEDHAM, Dec. 17.—"When the curtain rises on the second act of this drama, another face will be there, shouting counsel for the defense in summing up today in the trial of Harriet A. Varney, accused of having murdered the wife of the man she loved, Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes. Later coming to the part which the husband, George M. Keyes, had taken in the prosecution of his former companion, Attorney David F. O'Connell, will add to know why the state had taken the couple's attack a defense of Keyes' "Oh, God," he added "an alibi for that man."

The concluding plea added another unusual scene to an extraordinary case. Keyes and Miss Varney had been intimately associated and apparently were friendly up to the time that her trial began. Pauline Keyes, the chief witness for the state and the defense made its greatest effort to show that the defendant had been wholly under his influence.

Defendant in Tears

The defense claimed that Mrs. Keyes might have shot herself and that the note alleged to have been written by her was not shown to be in the handwriting of anyone else. The attorney asserted that the evidence that Miss Varney had purchased a revolver had completely cleared her of having established that the weapon was owned by a former employee of Keyes. Mr. O'Connell spoke for nearly three hours. The greater part of the time the defendant was composed and followed closely apparently the argument. At times, however, when the lawyer spoke of her earlier life and the defense

lines of her present life, she wept. The attorney, referring to the anonymous note received by Keyes after his wife had been killed and which indicated that a woman had done the murder, said:

"Keyes was back at his old haunts on Massachusetts Avenue. He received the letter there. It was there that he claims Miss Varney came and took possession of his bed and he slept on the couch."

Mr. Kingston, employed by the government as a witness, said: "He said the same hand wrote that note, which wrote the letter and posted cards Keyes sent to Miss Varney. That girl has been in jail since June 25. She was in jail when the letter was written, and you may be sure every letter that goes out of jail is carefully scrutinized."

"The nearest the state has placed Miss Varney to the scene of the murder was with Huntington Avenue station. After the murder or suicide she met Keyes and went to lunch with him. She ate and he did not. Who was nervous?"

After referring to Miss Varney's alleged attempt at suicide in New York after Keyes had refused to marry her, the attorney declared that she never knew he was married to Pauline A. Keyes.

Concluding his plea, Mr. O'Connell said:

"How could Harriet Varney kill Pauline Keyes if she never owned a revolver. The state assigns the motive as jealousy. Why should she be jealous? Motive, she had none. Opportunity none and she is entitled to protection."

Scott, J. Lawyer Ford, James H. Walker, Fred Austin, George Conaway, James J. Kennedy, James E. Bonnelly, Charles J. Morse and Edward F. Saunders.

THE ELKS' CHRISTMAS CHARITY FUND

Lowell Lodge of Elks will hold a smoke talk for members and friends tomorrow evening at the Elks' rooms in Middle Street and an excellent program of entertainment has been arranged. In connection with the evening's affair a drawing contest has been arranged and the proceeds from this are to go to the Elks' Christmas charity fund.

Among the enterenters will be James Dwyer, who will give a happy program, Commissioner James E. Donnelly in Scotch numbers, "Tip" Hand, George Kyrell, George Conway, James J. Walker and Joseph Haggerty.

The committee in charge is as follows: C. Frederick Gilmore, chairman; P.E.R. John Farrell, sub-chairman; George A. Tyrell, secretary; Frank Reid, treasurer; E. V. Brown, exalted ruler; John J. Lee, P.E.R.; William Scott, P.E.R.; Frank J. McNamee, Robert E. Dawson, James J. Boland, Robert Haggerty, William H. Mahan, John H. Cull, John H. Cleary, Joseph Burns, Thomas F. Golden, John J. Healey, Sam

THE "BLOOD AND IRON" POLICY

is important in peace as well as in war. Every man and woman who would be a winner and not a slacker should have the strength of iron in the blood.

The new iron tonic, Peptiron, combines this valuable metal in medicinal form so that it is easily digested and readily assimilated. Peptiron also includes pepson, muc, celery, gentian and other tonics—sedatives for the nerves, digestives and carminatives—a health-giving medicine in convenient pill form.

Take it for anemia or thin blood, neuritic debility, brain-fag. One or two Peptiron after each meal will quickly tell a story of marvellous results. Get it today.

WASHINGON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The great American Red Cross drive starts today.

It is nation-wide and every city, town and hamlet is a Red Cross recruiting centre.

Its goal is fifteen million members.

Not money, but men and women are wanted.

No field service is required of these new members.

It is their enthusiasm, loyalty and backing that is desired.

The drive lasts eight days, closing on Christmas eve.

Nothing less than 15,000,000 new members will satisfy officials of Red Cross who believe this membership drive and who are directing the eight-day campaign.

At least one member in every Amer-

ican home is hoped for, and in hundreds of thousands of homes whole families will be enlisted under the Red Cross banner.

This will mean more knitting for soldiers and sailors, more woolen socks, helmets and sweaters; more bandages and other hospital supplies. That spells more comfort for our fighting boys in training over here and in trenches "over there."

Every local chapter has been instructed to be prepared for this drive. Systematic canvasses of houses and business establishments will be made in the effort to obtain members. Public meetings will be held each day and evening in all cities.

Tuesday is civil employee's day. Mayors are asked to issue proclamations and Red Cross flags are to be raised on all municipal buildings to remain during the drive.

Wednesday is Women's day, on which special tribute will be paid to the work which women are doing in Red Cross.

The third school day, on which every teacher will explain to children the significance of the Red Cross.

Friday is employer's day, in which special tribute will be paid to the support which the laboring man is giving to Red Cross work. Large factories will be visited by member-guilds of men and women.

Saturday is Boy Scouts' day, on which Boy Scouts will "go over the top" for Red Cross members.

Sunday is church day, on which Christmas services on the Red Cross will be preached in many churches.

Monday is Red Cross Christmas eve day. At 7:30 on Christmas eve,

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MEANS FOUND NOT GUILTY

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 11.—Gaston S. Means was found not guilty here yesterday of the murder of Mrs. Mrs. King.

The jury received the case Saturday night but after two hours of deliberation announced that a verdict would not be returned until yesterday. Mrs. King, a wealthy widow, was killed at Blackwelder spring, a lonely spot in the country near here, on Aug. 23 last, when, with Means and a party of his friends, she had stopped on an automobile drive to practice pistol shooting. She and Means were alone at the time. Capt. W. S. Bingham and Afton Means, a brother of Gaston, having walked down the road to shoot rabbits.

A coroner's inquest accepted the statement of Gaston Means that she shot herself accidentally. After her body was taken to Chicago for burial, however, the coroner's physician declared that the wound in the back of the head could not have been self-inflicted. The investigation shifted to New York, where Mrs. King had resided for several years and where Means had handled her business affairs.

There a search of the apartments of Mrs. King and her sister and those of Mrs. Means disclosed that Means, disclosed, according to New York officials, that Means had misappropriated the woman's money, and also that he was connected with German agents.

Mrs. King had inherited approximately \$1,000,000 from her second husband, the late James J. King, of Chicago, and during the trial in New York City, Means' lawyer declared nearly all of this sum had "vanished" during the time Means was connected with the woman's affairs.

North Carolina officials reopened the investigation and at a hearing here last September Means was bound over to the grand jury, and later indicted. At the trial, which began here Nov. 25, the state contended that Means had looted the woman's fortune and killed her to escape an accounting.

The defense contended the woman's death was accidental, that she stumbled, fractured her ankle, fell and fired the pistol.

A small crowd, which had been attracted by the reports that the jury had been selected for Judge Cline, was in court when the verdict was announced but after court had adjourned Means was given an impromptu reception, relatives, friends and members of his counsel surrounding him to shake his hand and offer congratulations.

LOMASNEY COMES OUT FOR PETERS

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Martin M. Lomasney, a leader in democratic politics, announced last night that he would support Andrew J. Peters for mayor in the city election Tuesday.

Mr. Lomasney is generally conceded to have a following of several thousand voters, but supporters of the other four candidates said that the contest this year was so bitter and complicated that they believed his stand would not affect them.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Political prophets acknowledged themselves baffled yesterday in efforts to pick the winner of this city's mayoralty contest next



Resinol

would clear her skin

"She would be a pretty girl, if it wasn't for that pimply, blotchy complexion!" But the regular use of Resinol Soap, aided at first by a little Resinol Ointment, would probably make it clear, fresh and charming. If a poor skin is your handicap, begin using the Resinol treatment and see how quickly it improves.

Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment are available, for the care of the skin, in cold cream, dusting powder and keeping the hair line and borders. All druggists sell Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment.

The Resinol Treatment can improve skin that is dry, or irritated the most sensitive skin.

K. OF C. COMMITTEE ON WAR ACTIVITIES

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To Care for the Wounded at the Front and the Folks at Home

To Carry On this Great Humanitarian Work

The American Red Cross Is Calling YOU

New England's Quota—One Million New Members by Christmas Eve. Will you be one? It costs only One Dollar to join and no other service is required.

When you join the great Red Cross your membership fee goes to help carry on the most far-reaching and effective work of mercy the world has ever known. Surely YOU do not want to withhold a dollar that will help lighten the hardships, guard the health and bind the wounds of "our boys over there."

The Christmas spirit and the Red Cross spirit have much in common. You can't keep Christmas more appropriately or more effectively this year than by keeping up the Red Cross. Pay your dollar TODAY. Wear the 1918 button. Watch for and take part in the Red Cross Christmas Eve ceremonies.

Send a Christmas Dollar on an Errand of Mercy

They Also Serve Who Join the Great Red Cross

Store Opens at 9 A. M. Every Day This Week and Open Every Evening Except Tuesday and Wednesday

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Undermuslins Make Practical and Acceptable Christmas Gifts

Our assortment is wonderful and we are showing equally as good values as we showed last year, without any advance in prices.

Women's Fine Nainsook Gowns

Every conceivable style in gowns is shown in our large Christmas collection. Made with beautiful embroidered yokes, fine laces, daintily trimmed with ribbons. Large assortment of styles at each price.

79c, 98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49, \$2.98 and \$3.98

Women's Fine Quality Combinations

Our assortment of combinations never has been as large or as attractive as now. Made from fine nainsook and cotton, trimmed with organdy inserts and lace insertion, also many styles in fine embroidery.

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Crepe De Chine UNDERWEAR

We are prepared with probably the largest assortment of crepe de chine and society underwear ever shown in Lowell.

GOWNS. Priced \$8.98, \$4.98, \$5.98 up to \$9.98.

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SKIRTS. Priced \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.98, up to \$11.98.

CAMIROLES, both plain and lace trimmed. Hundreds to choose from.

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Our Line of Hand Embroidered Undermuslins

Is one of the biggest things we have ever shown, made in very fine hand embroidered dainty patterns in chemise, gowns and combinations. They make most ideal Christmas gifts, at

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Women's Fine Skirts

We are showing the largest line of skirts ever shown in Lowell. Unusual values are in this tremendous assortment. Made of the finest cambrics with deep ruffles of embroidery and lace insertions. A real Christmas gift. Priced

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Women's Envelope Chemise

Many new effects in envelope chemise are being shown in our great Christmas collection. Beautiful lace and embroidered trimmings and a large assortment of styles at each price.

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TIRPITZ SAYS ENGLAND VICTOR TO DATE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—The German papers contain lengthy accounts of the speech of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz before the Hamburg branch of the Fatherland party, in which the admiral said:

"Up to the present in this war Great Britain was rather than lost. Peace based on the status quo ante or on renunciation, therefore, is out of the question for Germany."

With reference to the rumor that Germany would give up Zeebrugge and Ostend if the British evacuated Calais, von Tirpitz said:

"The evacuation of Calais would never be equivalent to the loss of such first class security. Moreover, the channel tunnel will become a fact after the war. For real security we should have besides Flanders and Antwerp, Calais and Boulogne. The rumor in question is a screen behind which the question of Flanders might be permitted to disappear."

"The protest that we cannot coerce Great Britain and America fails to the ground when we consider the growing scarcity of the cargo space of our ruthless arch enemy. The time for final decision will come when real distress begins to take the place of merely threatening distress. That time will come. It is only a question of keeping cool."

U-BOAT CAPTAIN HAD AMERICAN ACCENT

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 17.—Capt. Stephen Black of the three-masted schooner Jennie E. Righter, sunk by torpedo off the Spanish coast on October 16, has arrived at his home in this city and tells a thrilling story of his experiences with the German submarine.

Besides Capt. Black there were five other Gloucester men on the craft. They were Malcolm McDonald, Albert T. Young, John Grant, Alfred Rowe, and Charles Blatchford, the latter being the cook. Capt. Dennis O'Neill of Boston was mate.

After being compelled to leave their craft the crew were exposed to the worst gale of Capt. Black's 25 years of sea experience. It seems impossible that the boat could have lived through it, he said last night.

"We were 62 hours in an open boat," he said. "The greater part of the time in a fearful gale, including a downpour. We were sailing on a course east by south, at about latitude 45 degrees 45 minutes, longitude 10 degrees 2 minutes on October 16, when our watch saw something suspicious off the port bow. We soon recognized it as a submarine with her periscope and part of gunning tower visible."

"I ordered the crew to slow down topsails and prepare to leave the vessel. The submarine came rapidly to the surface and came on starboard side of

our bow. When I saw submarine coming to surface I let the ship come to the wind so that I could lower the boat in safety, but before the vessel had come to the submarine had emerged sufficiently to use her gun and opened fire on us."

"The first shell hit the vessel forward of the mast and she fired 10 shots before we left the craft. We rowed a short distance from the vessel, while the submarine continued to shell our ship. She fired about 15 shots in all."

"The submarine came alongside our boat and the man who appeared to command spoke English with a pronounced American accent. He advised the name of the ship, cargo carried. He then told us to go about our business.

"We made sail and proceeded toward land, where we arrived on the morning of the 19th at Mugui, Spain. Some of the men suffered considerably from exposure. We were rapidly recovered and all hands rapidly recuperated. We proceeded to Coruna on Oct. 21, where

we remained for a month before embarking for New York."

The Righter was owned by the Shepard Morse Lumber company and was laden with lubricating oil for France.

NAME OF TAUNTON MAN ON LATEST CANADIAN CASUALTY LIST

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17.—The latest Canadian overseas casualty list includes the name of T. Russell, Taunton, Mass., wounded.

The Sun is read daily in more homes in Lowell than any other newspaper.

Armour's Shortening and Cooking Fats

Oval Label Variety Complete

WHETHER you prefer vegetable shortening, butter, lard, oleomargarine or ham and bacon drippings, you'll always find the better grade under the Oval Label.

Vegetole is Armour's highest quality vegetable shortening—an economical lard alternative in these days of high food-costs.

Armour's Oleomargarine—Glendale (natural color) and Yellow (white)—are ideal for shortening purposes as well as for table use. Made from choicest materials, they are rich in food value and contribute their goodness and delicacy to all foods in which they are used.

Yellow "Simon Pure" Leaf Lard—made from choicest portions of pure leaf fat, tried out in open flames. Because of its extra richness it goes a third farther than ordinary lard.

Cloverbloom Butter—made from pure pasteurized cream. Churned in the country.

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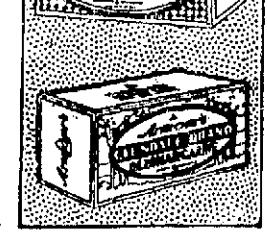
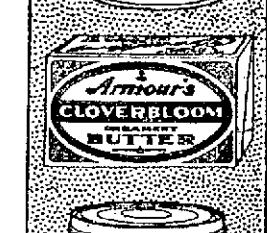
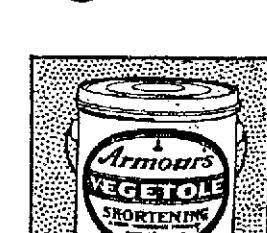
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William Greene, negro, shot in eye, will probably die.

The gun fight started shortly after 2.

Virtually the whole police force was at one time engaged in the siege and the final battle took place when Supt. Redgate and a squad of patrolmen forced their way in the club room.

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The men inside barricaded the doors, opened the windows facing on Water street and threatened to shoot anyone approaching the building.

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1875

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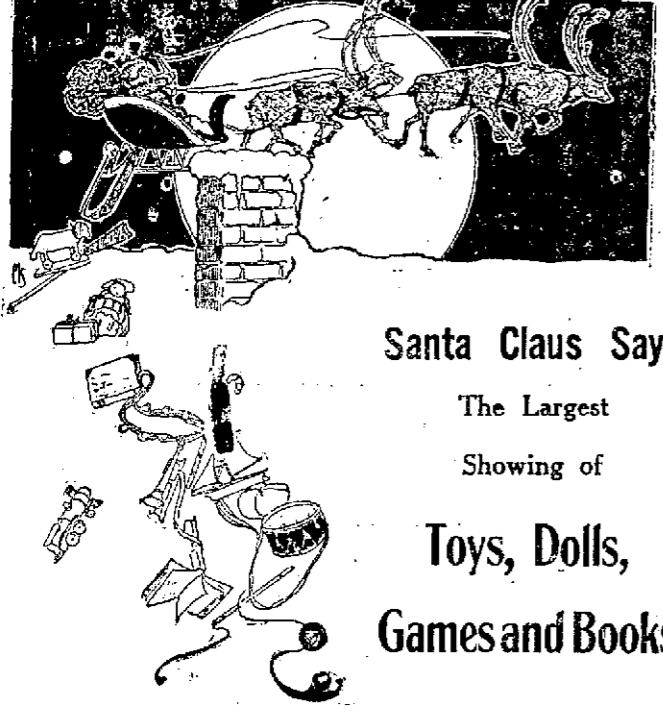


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Remember Those Who Will Remember You--THIS CHRISTMAS

THIS STORE IS YOUR PROTECTION. CHALIFOUX VALUES GUARANTEE THE JUDICIOUS EXPENDITURE OF EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND HERE FOR CHRISTMAS. CHALIFOUX QUALITY INSURES THE SATISFACTION OF THOSE YOU WISH TO REMEMBER. PEOPLE LIKE TO KNOW THAT THEIR GIFTS COME FROM CHALIFOUX'S.

OPEN TONIGHT AND (Except Tuesday and Wednesday) EVERY EVENING UNTIL CHRISTMAS



Santa Claus Says
The Largest
Showing of
Toys, Dolls,
Games and Books

Ever shown in Lowell is at Chalifoux's. Everything for the kiddie on our mammoth Fourth Floor. Plenty of room to shop. Plenty of clerks to advise you and assist in your shopping. Santa Claus in attendance every day. Come in and talk with him.

Doll Trunks 50c to \$2.75
Black Boards—Several styles, with or without stands 50c to \$2.75
Kiddie Cars 50c to \$2.95
Toy Pianos 50c to \$15.00
Special Toy Autos \$5.00
Autos—Several styles \$5.00 to \$22.00
Moving Picture Machines with film \$1.75
Train with Tracks, extra heavy springs \$1.00 to \$5.00
Electric Train, Prices from \$5.00 to \$14.50

Automatic Sand Crane \$1.00
Panama Pete Driver 75c
Metal Trays for the above 50c
Big Game Hunter Target Game, 50c
Naval War Toys that blow to pieces 50c and \$1.00
Metal Cannon—Exact reproduction of the cannon used by the Allies; four styles \$1.25 and \$2.25
Repeating Cannon with six cardboard soldiers 99c

Sherwood Flexible Sleds 98c
Sherwood Flexible Sleds \$1.50
Sherwood Flexible Sleds \$1.75
Sherwood Bob Sleds \$2.25

Special Line of Dressed Dolls, \$1.00
Folding Doll Carriages 50c

Folding Doll Carriage (Rubber Tired) 75c

Doll Carriages—Upholstered inside, Priced \$4.50 and \$10.00

Mirrorscope for both gas and electricity, Priced ... \$2.00 to \$14.00

Rocking Horses for the youngster, \$1.98

Swing Rocking Horses, \$4.95 and \$9.05

Wagons in both plain and coaster styles \$1.75 to \$7.00

Gilbert Machine Gun, rapid fire, shoots at any elevation \$3.00

Humpy Dumpty Circus, 75c to \$13.00

Chemcraft—Mysterious experiment in chemical magic, \$1.95 and \$3.75

Columbia Folding Blocks, builds all kinds of models, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

The Peg Lock Construction Block, \$1.00 to \$3.50

Doll Beds in three sizes, 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Tinker Toys—The popular building Toy 50c

Miss Tilly Tinker, the Balancing Queen 75c

Doll Tents with frame 25c

Drums—Priced from 25c

Soldier and Indian Outfits \$1.50

Soldier, Policeman and Fireman Outfits \$1.00

Special Soldier Outfits 50c

Sand Toys—Good all the year round; nothing to get out of order.

Buzzy Andy Trip Hammer 50c

Sandy Andy—Priced at 75c and \$1.00

IF PEOPLE WOULD ONLY STOP TO THINK, EVERYBODY
WOULD SHOP EARLIER FOR CHRISTMAS

A week ago last Saturday evening the storm drove nearly everybody home. The stores were almost deserted after eight o'clock. Thousands of people who had planned to do their Christmas shopping on that evening were disappointed and obliged to postpone.

So—you never can tell what's going to happen that will change your plans. This is one reason why you should shop earlier for this Christmas. Shop in the morning if you can, and shop early this week. Some people may be obliged to postpone their shopping until the last two or three days before Christmas. And we are maintaining our forces to take care of them.

You, who can do so, are urgently requested to shop early this week. We make this request in the interest of our employees as well as the interest of our customers.

Victrolas
Are
\$15, \$20,
\$25, \$30,
\$57.50
And Up to
\$325
At
Chalifoux's



Victrolas
Terms
Are As
Low As
\$1 DOWN
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PEOPLE
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COME FROM
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Chalifoux
Quality
—
HERE'S A
LONG, LONG
LIST OF
PRACTICAL
THINGS—
READ IT NOW

Why Christmas Shoppers Prefer to Select
VICTROLAS at CHALIFOUX'S

There is a growing popular feeling that a Victrola can be more judiciously selected at Chalifoux's on account of the sound-proof rooms being of the very latest scientific construction.

This brings out the real character of the instrument and would instantly show up any defects. Also, people may sometimes think it necessary to pay more for a Victrola than they really can afford. Our sound-proof rooms often show the less expensive Victrola to be one that will really give the greatest satisfaction. It eliminates the dissatisfaction of feeling that you have expended too much.

Ask Us to Play the New December Records

People who already have Victrolas or other disc machines, should by all means come to Chalifoux's for their records. You can get a much better idea as to how they will sound if you hear them in our sound-proof rooms.

Useful Gifts for Christmas

FERN DISH COMBINATION

Cut glass dish, several choice cuttings, dish with metal lining and preserved fern, plain fern, or with flowers, complete with footed metal rim, mirror plate; \$4.98 value, for \$3.95

SKATES

A. G. Spalding & Bros. brand. Prices \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.10 and \$3.00 pair. The New Grand Auto Race Game—Very exciting 75c Nudges Softnails—10c new. Priced 50c

BARGAIN TABLES at

25c, 49c, 79c, 98c, \$1.49 and \$1.98.

Consists of China, Glass and Silverware, values in some cases are twice what the goods are marked.

Real Cut Glass as low in price as 25c

Hand Painted Salt and Pepper Shakers 25c pair

Cut Glass Sugar and Cream Sets 25c set

Hand Decorated Hair Receivers and Puff Boxes 25c

Mahogany Candlesticks, complete with shades 49c

Glass Candlesticks, complete with shades 49c

INCLUDE:

Carpet Sweepers

Vacuum Sweepers

Clothes Wringers

"Pyrex" Glass Cooking Ware

Aluminum Cooking Ware

Domestic Science Fireless Stoves

Fire Place Fixtures (including Andirons, Screens, etc.)

Oneida Community Silverware, China and Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets

Electric, Gas and Oil Lamps

Dome Lighting Fixtures

Cut Glass for all uses

Bread Makers

Food Choppers

Chafing Dishes

Coffee Machines

Electric Utilities

Roasters

Carving Sets

Knives and Forks

Bath Room Pictures, including Cabinets, etc.

MAHOGANY BOUDOIR LAMPS

Standard fitted with cord and plug, complete with silk shade; \$2 value, for \$1.59

Men's Silk Scarfs for \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

Men's Cotton and Silk Scarfs 50c and 75c

Men's Silk Shirts, \$2.50 and \$3.50

Men's Fibre Silk Shirts \$3.00

Men's Negligee Shirts, \$1.15, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Men's Full Dress Shirts, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Men's Night Shirts, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Men's Silk Pajamas, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Men's Pajamas, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2

Men's Silk Hose, 50c, 75c and \$1

Men's Fibre Silk Hose, 50c, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Men's Silk and Wool Hose, 75c

Men's Cashmere Hose, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c

Men's Wool Hose, 25c, 50c, 75c

Men's Little Hose, 25c and 50c

Men's Shawlkin Hose, 25c and 50c

Men's Suspender and Garter Sets for 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Men's Belts, Garter and Arm Band Sets for \$1.00 and \$1.50

Men's Garter and Arm Band Sets for 25c and 50c

Men's Merino Hose, 35c

Women's Oxford Gray Wool Hose, 35c

Women's "Waterproof" Hose \$2 box

Men's Fancy Silk Arm Band, 25c and 50c

Men's Scarf and Tie Sets for \$2.00

Men's Bull Dog Suspenders in fancy boxes for \$1.00

Men's President Suspenders in fancy boxes for \$1.00

Men's Cardigan Jackets for \$4.00

Men's Beach Coats for \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50 and \$5

Men's Umbrellas for \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Men's Linen Silk Umbrellas, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Men's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3

Women's Gloria Silk Umbrellas, \$1.50 and \$2

Children's Umbrellas \$1

Women's Umbrellas \$1 and \$1.25

Women's Silk Hose \$1.15, \$1.50

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Women's Cashmere Hose, 35c, 50c and 75c

Women's Silk Little Hose, 35c, 50c and 75c

Women's Cotton Hose, 25c, 35c and 50c

Women's Fleece Lined Hose, 25c and 35c

Women's Merino Hose, 35c

Women's Oxford Gray Wool Hose, 35c

Women's "Waterproof" Hose \$2 box

Misses' Cotton Hose, 20c and 25c

Misses' Fibre Silk Hose, 35c, 50c

Boys' Cotton Hose, 25c and 35c

Infants' Cashmere Hose, 25c, 35c

Infants' Silk Socks 25c and 50c

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PROBING THE WAR DEPARTMENT

It is to be hoped that this congressional investigation of the management of the war will not take on the appearance of an effort to expose defects and weaknesses. That would be criminal.

This is no time for cavilling criticism nor for raking up details of mistakes or blunders to be used in political campaigns hereafter.

The republicans in congress have tried hard to get a committee to control war expenditures. Such a committee would prove a stumbling block to the progress of the war, insomuch as while the president is the responsible head and while he acts only after consultation with his cabinet, yet the action of the president and cabinet combined would be blocked and nullified by a committee on control of expenditures. The situation under such an arrangement would parallel that which would exist in England if the king exercised his prerogative to declare war and if parliament should refuse to vote the money necessary to carry on the war.

In order to conduct the war with the freedom which alone can bring success, it is necessary to give President Wilson a free hand and to avoid hampering him or the departments by the petty fault-finding of officious congressmen.

The congressional committee of congress is within its functions in investigating the management of the war but it should not give foreigners any opportunity to learn our military secrets, to get an inside knowledge of our weak points in organization, training, equipment, or anything else.

It may be accepted as a certainty that if the merest hint of any weakness in our armor is made public, the information will go direct to Germany, supplemented by much that is not public. The spies in this country can be relied upon for that. For this reason the committee on military affairs which is conducting the investigation should exercise judicious caution in allowing criticism of any military operation to be made public.

Already it appears that to a great extent the inquiry is conducted openly just as if nobody but ourselves paid any attention to the information elicited. But remember still "a (German) chieft's among us takin' notes" and if he does not print them, he will send them to the kaiser.

CHECK INFANT MORTALITY

With all the appeals that are being made for war purposes, some of our most urgent needs at home are being neglected. One of these is the imperative necessity of doing something to lower the high rate of infant mortality.

Out of 46 leading cities in this country, Lowell has the highest infant mortality in the last week's calculation. Of course, the rate fluctuates and some other city may lead in the next calculation, but the fact is clear from the average death rate among children under five years of age, for several months, that the rate is abnormally high. Yet we hear of no epidemic and nothing unusual in the line of contagious diseases. The cause then must be sought elsewhere. It may lie in part in the ignorance of young mothers, the carelessness of others and the neglect of working mothers to see that their infant children get the proper care and feeding.

At present the scarcity of sugar is causing illness among the bottle-fed babies of Lowell. There should be some means by which the parents of young children shall have preference in the purchase of sugar when the supply is short in the stores. The city health authorities it seems, should be able to solve this problem.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

Again has Premier Lloyd George cleared away the murky air of pacifism and the feid minima of Lansdowne's slough of despond. He has shown that the defeat of Germany is the only thing that will save the empire and indeed the rest of the world from German domination; and he has shown also that Germany cannot be beaten without complete co-ordination of the allied forces on land and sea.

It is to be hoped that this new exposition of the situation by the premier will silence the pacifists, the pessimists and above all the Tory element that would apparently welcome a peace that would leave England at the mercy of the kaiser.

Where would England be today but for the safe guidance and courage of Lloyd George?

TINKHAM'S EXPLOITS

Congressman Tinkham has a keen eye for self advertising. His feat of firing the first gun against the Austrians may be taken as a promise of American aid to come, but incidentally it will give Mr. Tinkham a little advertising with his constituents. His escapade in being cast from a mountain pass over a precipice in an auto should count for much among the home folks.

Our townsmen, Hon. John Jacob Rogers, is not making much noise in Europe but we venture to predict that he will return with a budget of information that will be of real benefit to the government.

REVERSING OUR POLICY

We are reversing our policy in regard to the trusts. The Webb bill to

heels. Bravo, Cuban. Now send along your army.

LIGHTLESS NIGHTS

Lightless nights may be ordered by the fuel administration. This would result in the shutting down of our White Way. We would miss it, of course, but if the exigencies of the war require that we shall get along without it, then we will do so cheerfully. For the present, however, the White Way is secure.

LOOKING BOTH WAYS

Bulgaria declares her friendship for the United States, although still the loyal ally of Germany, paradoxical as it may seem.

It was seven years ago today that Dorothy Arnold disappeared, leaving behind her a mystery that has never been solved. Her father, Francis R. Arnold, an importer of perfumes, has spent a fortune searching for her. Hundreds of "clues" have been worked on without result. She was 25 and a graduate of Bryn Mawr college.—*Holyoke Transcript*.

Nearly every city has tragic recollections of this kind—of young girls or boys who disappeared and were never heard from despite all efforts to find them. The chief event of this kind in the memory of Lowell residents was the disappearance of the Dent boy, some fifteen years ago. No trace of him has ever been found.

More than ever this year should Christmas presents be chosen with a view to real utility. Otherwise the expense is money wasted.

SEEN AND HEARD

Fletcher street cars are scarcer than sugar, and that's going some.

People who are crippled in the head get less sympathy than other cripples.

Let us give thanks for ability, for work, for our friends—and say nothing about our ability to work our friends.

WITH STRIKERS ON PARADE

A little girl and her mother walking along Broadway, New York, met a group of striking Childs' restaurant employees parading up and down, their hats and coat sleeves decorated with large pasteboard signs. The little girl gazed at them in amazement.

"Nothing, dear. They've stopped working and they want everybody to know it."

"And what does it say on those signs, mamma?"

"Former Childs' employees," read the mother.

Still the little girl was puzzled.

"Well, mamma," she piped, "why are they so awful proud of it?"

WON THE CIGARS

The subject of rifle shooting often cropped up at one of the training camps. "I bet anyone here a box of cigars," said Lieut. A. "But I can fire 20 shots at 200 yards and tell without waiting for the marker the result of each one correctly."

"None," said Major B. And the whole mass turned out early the next morn-

Let Us Help

KNIVES

Pocket and kitchen—pearl, plain and fancy handles.

SHEARS

That are made by Wiss, which means they are good.

CARVING SETS

A variety of designs to choose from, at prices that are pleasing.

LUNCH BOXES

With Vacuum Bottle. Very handy in hot or cold weather.

FLASH LIGHTS

Nothing handier or more acceptable. Candles, pocket sizes. Plain and fancy.

FOR SHAVING

Common razors and safety varieties. Brushes, soap, strop and hones.

SLEDS

The flexible kind that save wear on shoes and rubbers.

AND MANY OTHERS

Authorized Agents for the Sale of Government Savings Stamps.

Adams Hardware AND PAINT CO.

Middlesex St. Near Depot

ing to witness the experiment.

The Lieutenant fired. "Miss," he announced calmly.

"Miss shot."

"Miss," he repeated.

A third shot.

"Miss."

"Here, hold on," put in Major B.

"What are you trying to do? You're not firing for the target."

"Of course not," was the cool response.

"I'm firing for those cigars!"

And he got them.

POETS IN OLIVE DRAB

Until edged out of print by more important subjects, like changing the map of Europe and the doings of the Petrograd palace, the authorship of Shakespeare's plays was a constant source of interest to those who like a rasher of Bacon with their literature.

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FORMER N. Y. GIRL AIDS WAR RELIEF

Lady Arthur Paget who, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Stevens of

members of the police department.

Every patrolman, officer and, in fact, all employees of the department have joined the American Red Cross Christmas membership campaign and within a short time the 100 per cent membership will be being in the guard room at the police station.

The subscription is \$1 per year and every member of the department has pledged himself to donate that sum every year until the end of the war and also to wear the button until the expiration of the war.

THE RED CROSS CANTEEN AND THE PLACE IT FILLS IN SOLDIER'S LIFE

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"Up-h-h," choruses the others, rushing after the leader, elbowing each other for premiers.

They dash up to a Red Cross field canteen—one of which is assigned to each army corps of the French and American army—and clamor like hungry boys.

"Coffee," calls one, "Bullion for mix," says another, forgetting the French accent with which he has labored so diligently. "Or maybe it's Tea" or "Cocoa" or "Lemonade." Anyhow, it is a hot drink, it is good, and it goes to the right spot.

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Further back at railway junction point is a more pretentious Red Cross canteen, as spotless as a perfect restaurant. Behind the porcelain counter stand a row of Red Cross women, dishing out soup or coffee into the bowls handed over by the unending file of soldiers. The procession moves along with marvelous celerity, those served to eat or drink their food in a big waiting room, those to be served finding their places.

Those who have money pay three cents for a bowl of hot nourishing soup; those who haven't the wherewithal—well, no one goes unserved. For 13 cents one "banquet" on soup, roast beef, salad, cheese, pudding and coffee. It is all served at the cost of food. The overhead expense is borne by the Red Cross.

There are abundant wash basins and shower baths next door, and clean comfortable cots for at least 600 men, in case of long delays for trains.

This is one phase of Red Cross service for which the Red Cross is enlisting hundreds of American women. They are nurses. They are strong, patriotic American women, able to cook and serve. They also serve.

Among the New England women in America's quota now in France and enlisted for this special work are Mrs. Mary Stickney Lawrence of Rutland, daughter of one noted Vermont attorney and widow of another, and Miss Grace Nichols of Boston.

The membership fee is \$1. For an added dollar the Red Cross magazine is secured.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Lowell's campaign for members for the local chapter of the Red Cross society opened this morning bright and early and although official reports are not to be made until this evening, indications point to a healthy increase in the society's membership as a result of the initial campaigning.

The workers reported that the response to requests for new members was very encouraging and that there was abundant enthusiasm among those people whom they approached.

In order to facilitate the work of the campaigners much of the literature and supplies connected with the campaign which had been in Memorial hall was today moved to the rooms of the Morris Plan Co. in Shattuck street. This is considered much more convenient and will undoubtedly enable the workers to keep a supply of necessary literature and other materials constantly on hand.

The first reports of the campaign will be made bright at Memorial hall. The workers are asked to get in their reports by 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. as the meeting is to be wholly informal and as soon as a worker makes his report he will be at liberty to go. Those who will be unable to get in at 5:30 will find the hall open until 7:30, but it is hoped to get the biggest part of the report in within an hour. The committee desires as complete a report as possible for the first day in order that it may be seen just how things are running.

In every church of Lowell yesterday notice was given of the start of the Red Cross campaign and the various congregations were urged to add the drive as much as possible.

The town of Chelmsford had a little previous campaign on Saturday and as a result a lot of new members were secured even before the campaign had officially opened. Just as in Abro, campaign manager for the town, took 25 teams of high school pupils working and their reports were more than encouraging.

Supt. Redmond Welch of the police department addressed the various shifts yesterday in the interest of the campaign and stated that he hoped to make the campaign 100 per cent. successful in the department.

Persons desiring to become new members and who do not wish to wait until the workers got around to them may "sign up" at the war work headquarters in Merrimack street, at the Morris Plan Co. in Shattuck street, or may telephone to the Boy Scout headquarters and a scout will be sent anywhere in the city to arrange matters.

Red Cross Enlistments

More than fifty new members have been signed up for the Red Cross society for 1918 through the local war work headquarters. As soon as it became known last week that a campaign was to be conducted in Lowell this week the war headquarters people immediately got busy and opened a "recruiting office."

Mr. L. P. Field and Miss Ethel M. Brown were assigned the duty of looking after embryo members and as a result of their efforts half a hundred were signed up before the campaign had officially opened. The war work headquarters is centrally located and persons who wish to become members of the Red Cross will find it very convenient to enlist there.

Police Are Patriotic

Did you notice the Red Cross buttons on the collars of the overcoats of the

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears

the Signature of

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Lowell's campaign for members for the local chapter of the Red Cross society opened this morning bright and early and although official reports are not to be made until this evening, indications point to a healthy increase in the society's membership as a result of the initial campaigning.

The workers reported that the response to requests for new members was very encouraging and that there was abundant enthusiasm among those people whom they approached.

In order to facilitate the work of the campaigners much of the literature and supplies connected with the campaign which had been in Memorial hall was today moved to the rooms of the Morris Plan Co. in Shattuck street. This is considered much more convenient and will undoubtedly enable the workers to keep a supply of necessary literature and other materials constantly on hand.

The first reports of the campaign will be made bright at Memorial hall. The workers are asked to get in their reports by 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. as the meeting is to be wholly informal and as soon as a worker makes his report he will be at liberty to go. Those who will be unable to get in at 5:30 will find the hall open until 7:30, but it is hoped to get the biggest part of the report in within an hour. The committee desires as complete a report as possible for the first day in order that it may be seen just how things are running.

In every church of Lowell yesterday notice was given of the start of the Red Cross campaign and the various congregations were urged to add the drive as much as possible.

The town of Chelmsford had a little previous campaign on Saturday and as a result a lot of new members were secured even before the campaign had officially opened. Just as in Abro, campaign manager for the town, took 25 teams of high school pupils working and their reports were more than encouraging.

Supt. Redmond Welch of the police department addressed the various shifts yesterday in the interest of the campaign and stated that he hoped to make the campaign 100 per cent. successful in the department.

Persons desiring to become new members and who do not wish to wait until the workers got around to them may "sign up" at the war work headquarters in Merrimack street, at the Morris Plan Co. in Shattuck street, or may telephone to the Boy Scout headquarters and a scout will be sent anywhere in the city to arrange matters.

Red Cross Enlistments

More than fifty new members have been signed up for the Red Cross society for 1918 through the local war work headquarters. As soon as it became known last week that a campaign was to be conducted in Lowell this week the war headquarters people immediately got busy and opened a "recruiting office."

Mr. L. P. Field and Miss Ethel M. Brown were assigned the duty of looking after embryo members and as a result of their efforts half a hundred were signed up before the campaign had officially opened. The war work headquarters is centrally located and persons who wish to become members of the Red Cross will find it very convenient to enlist there.

Police Are Patriotic

Did you notice the Red Cross buttons on the collars of the overcoats of the

THE LOWELL SUN MONDAY DECEMBER 17 1917

A. G. POLLARD CO.

Lowell's Biggest and Best Christmas Store



LEADING THE PROCESSION OF CHRISTMAS PROVIDERS—This store carries an array of Gift Suggestions as comprehensive and attractive as any in New England. This final week of shopping should draw you first to this store. Remember this is to be a patriotic Christmas, so do your part by helping our helpers. Shop early and carry the small parcels.



MAY WE SUGGEST?

FOR FATHER

UMBRELLA
HANDKERCHIEFS
GLOVES
MUFFLER
CANE
SLIPPERS
THERMOS BOTTLE
BILL FOLD
TRAVELING CASE
BATH ROBE

FOR MOTHER

DRESS GOODS
FANCY APRON
RUG
FUR COAT
KNITTING OUTFIT
CARD CASE
PERCOLATOR
KIMONO
FANCY BAG
CARD TABLE

FOR SISTER

FURS
SILK UNDERWEAR
LA VALLIERE
DIARY
EVENING SLIPPERS
WRITING PAPER
VANITY CASE
PERFUMERY
STOCKINGS
CHAFING DISH

FOR BROTHER

SHIRTS
CIGARET CASE
NECKTIES
HANDKERCHIEFS
SWEATER
SUITE CASE
CANE
SHAVING SET
MILITARY BRUSHES
SMOKING JACKET

For the Youngster

PICTURE BOOKS
HANDKERCHIEFS
RUBBER BOOTS
SLEDS
JEWELRY
SKATING SETS
SHOES
SWEATER
KNIT GLOVES
TOOL CHESTS



GIFTS OF LINEN

Practically acceptable to the home-keeper and the bride-to-be. These are truly unusual values, offered as Christmas specials.

TABLE DAMASK

Fifteen pieces (15 pces.) full bleach, 68 inches wide, very choice patterns, made on looms formerly used in the manufacture of linen; worth \$1.00. Special price 98c Yard Twenty pieces (20 pces.) warranted all pure linen, 70 and 72 inches wide, Irish and Scotch make, snow white bleach and very attractive patterns; worth \$2.75. Special price 1.98 Yard

PATTERN CLOTHS

Fifty of them, but only three patterns. Chrysanthemum, Rose and Passion Flower. Round designs, 68x68, Scotch make and full bleach; worth \$5.00. Special price \$3.75 Each Fifty Pattern Cloths, size 72x72 inches, suitable for round or square tables, Irish manufacture and glass bleach. Special price \$4.50 Each Napkins to match \$4.50 Dozen

TOWELS

Huck Towels, foreign in appearance, fine quality, size 18x34 inches, full hemstitch, beautiful finish, 65 per cent. Linen. Special price 25c Each Another lot made by the same manufacturer, with Jacquard borders and some with monogram spaces. Special price 30c Each The finest Huck Towel made in America, extra large size, plain and Greek borders, monogram spaces. Special price 69c Brown's "Shamrock" Towels and Webb's "Dew Bleach" Towels in guest and full sizes, from 50 to \$1.49 Each One hundred dozen (100 doz.) Bath Towels, full bleach, extra large size, double thread warp and filling; worth 32c. Special price 25c Each Fancy Bath Towels, suitable for combing jackets, in blue, pink, gold and lavender, from 25c to 98c Turkish Bath Sets, three pieces, large and individual towel and face cloth, blue and pink borders. Special price 89c Set

FILET NET LACES

Doilies, Trays, Scarfs, Squares, Centres

Doilies, 12 inch 59c Each Bread Trays, 12x18 inches 98c Each Scarfs, 20x36 inches \$2.25 Each Scarfs, 20x15 inches \$2.50 Each Scarfs, 20x34 inches \$2.75 to \$4.98 Each Squares, 36x36 inches \$3.25 Each Squares, 40x45 inches \$4.50 Each Squares, 54x54 inches \$5.50 Each Centres, 20 inches \$1.49 Each Centres, 40 inches \$1.98 Each Centres, 50 inches \$2.25 Each Centres, 60 inches \$4.50 Each Real Madeira Hand Embroidery Centres, from \$1.98 to \$5.00 Each Scarfs, from \$2.75 to \$12.00 Each Luncheon Cloths, from \$12.00 to \$17.50 Each Napkins, from \$7.98 to \$15.00 Dozen Several Other Attractive Bargains.

Left Aisle

Velvet Bags and Those of Leather

Never a gift season when bags of every sort were so much to be desired. Milady and her friends count them by the score—here's a splendid assortment, none of which is too expensive. Velvet Hand Bags, in black, taupe, blue, brown and purple, \$3.50 to \$13.50 Each Beaded Bags \$10.00 to \$22.50 Silk Bags, black, blue, green and brown, \$1.00 to \$15.00 Velvet Knitting Bags \$4.50 to \$7.50 Leather Knitting Bags \$4.50 to \$6.50 Week-End Bags \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 Large Shopping Bags \$9.00 to \$7.00 Leather Strap Books 50c to \$16.50 Children's Hand Bags 79c to \$15.00 Children's Bags 25c to \$1.50 Collapsible Pails \$2.50 and \$3.00 Collapsible Tubs \$2.50 and \$3.00 Men's Bill Folders \$1.00 to

ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES SPOKE FOR RED CROSS

In all the Catholic churches of the city yesterday morning a plea was made that the parishioners assist in every way possible in the local Red Cross campaign which started this morning.

At St. Patrick's church Rt. Rev. William O'Brien, P.R., celebrated the 8 o'clock mass yesterday morning and Rev. Timothy P. Callahan assisted in giving out communion. There was a large number of communicants. Rev. Joseph A. Curin sang the high mass at 11 o'clock and Fr. Callahan preached the sermon. At all the masses an earnest plea was made for the support of the local Red Cross campaign. For the celebration of the feast of the Holy Name are progressing favorably in this parish. All the societies of the parish are active in promoting war work and local charities.

The members of the Boys' sodality received communion in a body at the 8:30 o'clock mass at St. Peter's church yesterday morning. Rev. Francis L. Shea celebrated the mass and Rev. Daniel J. Keheler, the pastor, assisted in giving out communion.

Rev. Dr. Linehan celebrated the high mass at 11 o'clock and Rev. Fr. Keheler was the preacher.

Rev. James F. McDermott, O.M.I., was the celebrant of the high mass at the Sacred Heart church yesterday morning, and the pastor, Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., preached the sermon.

Rev. Flynn also paid high tribute to the late George F. II. Rogers, the first Lowell sailor to lose his life in the war.

On Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock a solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. At the 8:30 o'clock mass yesterday morning the members of the Holy Angels sodality received communion.

At the Immaculate Conception church yesterday morning the members of the Third Order of St. Francis and the junior branch of the Children of Mary sodality received communion in the 7:30 o'clock mass. Rev. James McCarron, O.M.I., was the celebrant, and Rev. Owen P. McQuaid, O.M.I., assisted in giving out communion.

Rev. Lawrence F. Tighe, O.M.I., the pastor, celebrated the high mass at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Fr. McCarron, O.M.I., preached a forcible sermon on the sin of calumny and detraction as violations of the eighth commandment.

Rev. John J. Shaw, the pastor, celebrated the 8 o'clock mass at St. Michael's church yesterday morning the younger girls of the parish received communion in the early mass. The pastor, Rev. Julian Racette, O.M.I., spoke at the various masses urging the parishioners to become members of the Red Cross for 1918.

MACHINE GUN CO. C BOYS
ARRANGED FOR DANCE

A meeting of Co. C of the 802nd Machine Gun battalion, stationed at Ayer, was held yesterday afternoon in Elks hall in Middlesex street, in preparation for the coming dancing party and social which is to be conducted by the unit in Associate hall Dec. 26. Besides the members of the company there were representatives of many of the city's clubs and other social organizations on hand, and all expressed a willingness to do their bit for "Lowell's own" company.

George Clark, general manager of the affair, presided at the meeting and explained the purpose of the coming dance. The money raised by each of the units at Camp Devens will be turned into a fund which is to be used to buy for the members of the company those little comforts and incidentals which the government does not provide. Co. C, however, has not yet established such a fund, and is to receive a portion of the coming time to be utilized as a basis for such a fund. He urged that everyone present do all in his or her power to back up the men at Ayer.

Among the organizations which were represented at the meeting were the following: Lowell Savings Bank, the R. of C. Y.M.C.A., C.M.A.C., Mathew Temperance Institute, Lishons, Woodbine Social club, Fairview, Mysteries, Burnsides, Wide Awakes, Girls, Abenaki Girls and others.

The members of the club ticketed to sell and the Broadway Savings club agreed not only to dispose of 100 tickets, but also to donate the use of Associate hall for the affair.

The next meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Elks hall. Any club or organization which was not represented at yesterday's meeting may secure tickets from Commissioner James E. Donnelly at city hall.

NORFOLK STATE HOSPITAL
CLINIC HERE DEC. 19

The monthly office clinic of the outpatient department of the Norfolk state hospital will be held in the aldermanic chamber at city hall next Wednesday evening between 6:30 and 8:30. Dr. Thomas F. Foss will be in attendance and the clinic will be for the admission of alcoholic and drug users and for the purpose of consulting with those who may be interested in the reclaiming of men given to the excessive use of either alcohol or drugs.

SEVERAL SMALL FIRES
CALLED OUT DEPT.

A still alarm at 7:52 o'clock Saturday night summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the stables of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Sons in Hall street. The fire was caused by a person attempting to thaw out a frozen water pipe.

At 11:47 a.m. in house 7 was called to 45 Central street where there was a slight blaze which was extinguished before any material damage was done. The house is owned by the Whetlock estate.

A telephone alarm of 12:50 Sunday brought the protective to the Spalding block at 64 Central street where a water pipe to a toilet room had burst. The men soaked up the water which was gushing out through the floor. This was the only damage.

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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Mrs. William Delderfield, of 23 Ar-
thur street, has received the following
letter from her son, Corp. John Delder-
field, who is now in France with Co. A
of the military police: Nov. 25, 1917.

Dear Mother and Father—Just a
few lines to let you know I am feel-
ing fine and that everything is O. K.
I am going to start in by asking you
to do me a favor. Will you please send
me some stockings and a copy of the
Lowell Sun once in a while? I would
like to read the Lowell Sun.

John told me to send you his best
regards. I have received only one letter
from you since I left the United
States. Did you get my last letter?
I haven't much more to say now, but
I am sorry that I will not be with you
on Thanksgiving day and also Christ-
mas. But never mind. I will soon be
back with you all. Don't worry about
me. I hope you have a good
time Thanksgiving day and I wish
you all a merry Christmas and a
happy New Year.

With love, from your son, John.

PRIVATE LEONARD SHAW

Private Leonard Shaw of Battery F
sends the following letter to a friend
in this city from somewhere in France:

Dear Jim: Just a few lines to let
you know that I got your letter this
noon and dinner time and was very glad
to hear from you. Your letter was
the first one I received since leaving
Boxford and, believe me, I was glad
to get it and hear from someone in
good old Lowell; also to find out that
everything is all right in the shop.

How are all the old timers? I mean
the ones who worked when I
was there.

How are all the girls in the shop?
Tell them I was asking for them and
that I would like to hear from them.
Give them my address and tell them to
write. We get lots of newspapers over
here from Lowell and we know about
a great many things that happen
back there.

Well, Jim, I suppose you would like
to hear about ourselves and France. To
start with, all the fellows, including
men are feeling fine and like over
here all right. You know we
haven't had time to go out. We have
been on the job ever since we left the
states. We have a lot of horses now
and, believe me, Jim, the fellows are
"there." We have more horses than
men and you know how good
they are in a hurry. Every one of
the horses was as green as grass when
we first got them so you can see that
we had some time breaking them in.
The fellows certainly can ride now
and, believe me, there is not one wild
west show in the United States that
has anything on us. We have never
got back to the states we'll open the eyes
of the people in Lowell when they see
us with our horses and guns. I am a
driver and we were out drilling this
morning. When we got back we got
the mail. It makes Lowell look good
to me. I was eating my dinner when
the fellows told me that there was a letter for me. I didn't
wait a second; I left my dinner and
got the letter. I guess I wasn't glad to
hear from "someone in Lowell."
It's right now 12 o'clock and I had to
have a drink this afternoon so I didn't
have time to write until now. It is a
nice place over here and it is warm
too. The boys are drilling hard, but
they don't mind it. You would not
think that they were the same fell-
ows who left Lowell. See you now.
I am the only one in the states now
thinking of us fellows over here now.
Well, never mind, we are kids now; we
have bigger things to think of. We
are doing our bit so we don't care
what they think of us. But we think
of our friends now and the ones we
left and we miss them. So I wish
to tell all the folks in the shop whom

comes from a mental trouble. His
relatives are much concerned over his
appearance. When last seen he wore a
black overcoat, belted in the back and
a black and white checked cap.

DRAFTED MEN IN TOWNS FILLING QUESTIONNAIRES

Advice for the answering question-
naire to registrants for the towns of
Methuen, Dracut, Tewksbury, Chelms-
ford, Tyngsboro and Dunstable, which
comprise division 19, will be given by
the members of the legal advisory
board on the following dates and at
the following places:

Lawrence court house, each day
from 12 m. to 2 p. m.

Methuen town hall, Mondays, Thurs-
days and Saturdays, from 3 p. m. to
6 p. m. and 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Town hall, Chelmsford, Mondays and
Fridays from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Town hall, Tyngsboro, Mondays from
7.30 to 9 p. m. and Saturdays from 2
p. m. to 6 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Town hall, Dunstable, Tuesdays from
7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Councilmanic chamber, city hall, Lowell,
each day from 3 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Town office, Dracut, Centra, Friday, Dec. 21, from 7.30 to 9 p. m.

Horse house, Navy Yard, Dracut, Thursday, Dec. 20, from 7.30 p. m. to
9 p. m.

State infirmary, Tewksbury, Friday, Dec. 21, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Princess
lodge, L.O.L., was held in Odd Fellows
hall Saturday night. Mary V. Reid
presided and considerable routine busi-
ness was transacted during the even-
ing after which the following officers
were installed by installing Deputy
Master, Anna Beld and Staff of Chel-
msford. Worthen, Anna V. Reid; deputy
mistress, M. Dutson; chaplain, L. Blackstock; recording secretary, Mae
Morrison; financial secretary, Grace
Robinson; treasurer, M. Blakeley; first
conductress, L. Mason; inside guard, A.
Huttsander and outside guard, E. Esan-
son. Following the election remarks
were made by several members and re-
freshments were served.

IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS

The regular meeting and election of
officers of the Irish National Foresters
was held yesterday. There was a large
attendance of members, Chief Ranger
John J. O'Brien presiding. Two new mem-
bers were admitted and considerable
routine business was transacted. The
following officers were elected for the
ensuing term: Chief ranger, Joseph
Hanley; sub chief ranger, Michael
Hanley; treasurer, James W. McKen-
ney; financial secretary, Thomas Nevin;
assistant treasurer, Daniel Healy;
assistant conductor, Patrick Tumulty;
junior conductor, John Martin; senior
head, Michael Nugent; junior head,
Hugh McGowan; trustee, John Kenny
and physician, James J. Cassidy. After
the meeting a social hour was en-
joyed.

JOHN BENDZEWICZ MISSING
John Bendzewicz, aged 24 years, who
was recently released from the McLean
hospital at Waverley, Mass., has been
missing from his home, 18 Bent's court,
and is now in the care of the police.
It is said that the man is sui-

PROMOTIONS FROM THE RANKS IN U. S. ARMY

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, Dec. 17 (By the Associated
Press).—Every enlisted man in the
American army may carry the stars of
a general in his knapsack. Orders just
issued by Gen. Pershing provide for
promotion from the ranks. Any private
may win a commission and climb
rapidly.

A section of the general orders says
that here after all temporary appoint-
ments and promotions on the American
expeditionary force will be on a selective
plan, as in the British army. Recom-
mendations for appointments and
promotions must be based solely on
demonstrated fitness and capacity of
the man. The system of temporary ap-
pointments is one which the American
army has not had previously.

Under a first system, a who has
demonstrated exceptional abilities and
fitness may find himself a temporary cap-
tain or even a temporary major. He
would hold that position until he had
proved himself worthy of the new rank
when the appointment may be made permanent.

The British have found this method excellent and by it have
selected a great number of efficient of-
ficers.

It is announced also that regular re-
ports on the fitness of all officers of all ranks
are to be made for guidance in
transfer and promotion, thus making
sure that the soldiers are under com-
petent leaders.

Under a second system, officers are
eligible for a school which is being
established at a large training center
for the instruction of candidates for
commissions. Privates who desire to
become officers must first demonstrate
their efficiency by earning appointment
as non-commissioned officers.

When candidates attending the
training school have been found to be
proficient they will be assigned to vacan-
cies as second lieutenants of re-
placement divisions. Thence they will
be promoted to higher ranks occasioned by
casualties and other causes in the
division. There will be no limit to the
number of second lieutenants in the
replacement divisions. On the con-
trary, it is recommended that there be
as many lieutenants as many in a given
organization as in a corresponding
combat division.

Within the combat units vacancies
to the extent of one-third of the total
will be filled in this manner and two-
thirds by promotion within the
division itself.

In the replacement divisions, vacan-
cies from the grade of first Lieutenant
to colonel will be filled by officers re-
covering from wounds and officers
who have received no assignments.
Bands will be given to these officers
who will be assigned to the combat units.
Arriving depot battalions hereafter
will be considered part of the replace-
ment divisions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WORKING FOR SOLDIERS

The meeting hall of the Knights of
Columbus in the Associate building has
been converted into a rest room for the
soldiers and, accordingly, cots have
been installed there for the benefit of
the men in khaki. Saturday evening
16 cots had been properly fitted and the
same number of soldiers were accommodated
for the night, while 15 others, who were unable to secure a room at the
Y.M.C.A. or other places were also given shelter, but they were forced to make use of the chairs and
settees.

Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock a
turkey dinner will be served the soldiers
by a special committee appointed
by the organization, while small gifts
will also be given the soldiers.

Arrangements are now being made
for a social party to be conducted Dec.
28 by the K. of C. Knitting guild for
the benefit of the soldiers and the af-
fairs promise to be a success.

The members of the K. of C. guild
met yesterday afternoon and discussed
plans for the annual contribution of
money and goods for the worthy opes
during the Christmas session. The
members of the guild and the captain,
Rev. J. J. Lynch of St. Michael's church,
are working hard to make this year's
event a banner one in the history of
the organization.

BOY SCOUT CONCERT BY MEMBERS OF TROOP 26

A most enjoyable concert was given
last evening in Sacred Heart hall, East
Pine street, by the members of Troop
26, Boy Scouts of Notre Dame de
Lourdes' parish, the event being given
for the benefit of the troop under the
direction of the scoutmaster, Rev. Joe
Gordon, O.S.B. The attendance was
large, the program was very pleasing
and the receipts of the evening were
very substantial.

The program consisted of a playlet
entitled "L'Orphelin Retrouve," pre-
sented by W. St. Pierre, R. Reinhard, A.
Leranger and A. Unard, and "Le Bon
Citoyen" by A. Sancarier, E. Crevier,
J. P. Berger, R. Lovell, L. Loranger and
E. M. M. as well as the following num-
bers: "Abstaining John" and "All the
World Will Be Jealous of Me," by the
orchestra; military song, "Hardy Boys,"
by a group of scouts and soldiers;
solo; solo by Charles St. Amand; "Joan
of Arc" and "Love Dreams," by the
orchestra; "Le Petit Crucifix" by the
orchestra; "La Marseillaise," "En Avant
Sauvage," and "Les Volontaires Cana-
dien," all sung by the scouts; awarding
of medals to the scouts and the sing-
ing of "America."

The orchestra was composed of Mrs.
Aime Allain, pianist; Alain Allain, choir
master of Notre Dame, as first violin;
William Blodard and Raymond Hamel,
second and third violins; Romeo Le-
neau, cornet, and Philip Malic, drum.

OIL STOVE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIVELY BLAZE IN LOMBARD STREET

A lively blaze broke out in the two-
apartment house at 13 Lombard street,
owned by John H. Barry, about 8:15
o'clock last night. The fire was caused
by a portable oil stove communica-
ting flames to a window curtain, the
blaze spreading rapidly to articles of
furniture in the room. A telephone
alarm was sent to the central fire station
and this was followed by a bell
alarm from box 12. The damage is
estimated at about \$300.

**BUY
DENATURED
ALCOHOL FOR
YOUR AUTO AT
TALBOT'S
CHEMICAL STORE
40 MIDDLE ST.
1 Gallon, \$1.05 Gal.
5 Gallons, \$1.05 Gal.**

What Has the American Red Cross Done With Its Money in Lowell and the Towns of Middlesex County?

Today You Are Being Asked to Join the Red Cross and Pay a Dollar, and You Wish
to Know the Facts About What Is Going On. You Have a Right to Know. Then
Read This—

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAPTER of the American Red Cross has been steadily at work
for more than three years. It began in a small way and with few members. It turned out a small
amount of product. It helped the Red Cross do its work with the armies of all nations. It saved
many a good man's life in Europe, on the Mexican border and elsewhere.

Then the United States Entered the War

IMMEDIATELY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS and its chapters all over the country set to work
to meet the emergency. More money and more workers were needed and obtained.

IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY a big fund was raised last June. Of that fund the county headquarters
in Lowell has received as its share \$38,820. It sent out to the branches in the towns \$9500 as their
portion. It retained in Lowell for use here as the central headquarters and for the Lowell work-
ers \$27,320.

NO RENT IS PAID for the use of the entire mill of the Bigelow-Hartford plant, the Bigelow-Hart-
ford Carpet Co. donating the space. And this arrangement is continued by the United States Cartridge
Co., the new lessees of the big plant.

NO SALARIES ARE PAID. The only employees under pay are one stenographer and a woman
to clean the workrooms. Hundreds of women and men are giving their time and their labor.

\$2000 A YEAR IS ALL that is spent for wages, telephone and telegrams, printing, stationery and
postage, membership pins, instruction literature, etc., and this is paid from the ordinary membership
receipts. It does not come out of the big fund.

\$24,856 HAS BEEN EXPENDED FOR MATERIALS since July 1. Perhaps \$2000 worth of
these are still on hand to be fabricated into finished product.

The Production Has Tremendously Increased

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR SHOW WHAT THE RED CROSS IS
DOING:—**

The Year Ending November 1, 1917

Surgical Dressings	82,546
Bandages	27,695
Cloth Garments	5,707
Knitted Articles	7,583
Totals	123,531

To December 12.

November-December, 1917

Surgical Dressings	70,949
Bandages	11,282
Cloth Garments	1,808
Knitted Articles	6,426
Totals	90,465

For the purpose of closer knit organization this chapter has now been reduced in size,
eliminating the more distant sections of the county. From now on the south and east ends
of the county will not report here. Yet the Lowell totals will grow.

OF THE GREAT FUND RAISED last June about \$6000 is still available for the Red Cross work-
room efforts. Some of the money sent to the towns has come back in payment for supplies taken from
headquarters.

\$1000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE to give immediate relief to families and dependents of soldiers and
sailors. This is a small sum but it is simply to piece out the Federal and State aid where necessity arises.

BRITISH RELIEF IS ALSO PAID by the American Red Cross for dependents of British soldiers
and sailors, but this expenditure is collected back.

THE RED CROSS CANTEEN at 119 Merrimack street is financed separately from Red Cross funds.
The food is donated and small expense paid by other means than drawing on the Red Cross treasury.
It is conducted by a committee from the Red Cross.

THE PEOPLE LIKE TO SEE THEIR DOLLARS COUNT WHEN THEY GIVE THEM
YOURS HAS DONE A PART OF THE WORK HERE. BUT THE WORK HAS NOT
ENDED.

IT MUST CONTINUE UNABATED

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS THE CONCENTRATED EFFORT OF A NATION TO
HELP ITS ARMED FORCES IN TRAINING AND IN THE FIELD.**

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE 1918 WORK? DO YOU APPROVE OF THE
AMERICAN RED CROSS AND ITS WORK?**

No One Is Too Busy to Join the Red Cross IT COSTS ONE DOLLAR

**YOU CAN JOIN TODAY THROUGH YOUR INDUSTRY, YOUR OFFICE, YOUR STORE,
YOUR TRADE, YOUR PROFESSION, OR AT YOUR HOME.**

Special Membership Booths at War Work Headquarters, 119 Merrimack Street.

If the war should end



IN SEARCH OF ANOTHER HOME

This represents three Halifax families—all that remain of them—and all the possessions they saved from the great disaster. Together with the two surviving men as leaders, they are setting out to find another home, a refuge, temporary at least, from the wintry blasts that followed the Mont Blanc explosion. Notice the two trunks, the pile of bedding, and, behind the two women seated in the middle of the sleigh, the one straw hat.

TO BRING CREWS INTO MILITARY SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Immediate legislation to bring the crews of transports, mine layers and other army vessels into the military service is urgently recommended by Quartermaster General Sharp in his annual report made public last night. Coalitional difficulties with civilian crews are described, while the conclusion that grave danger can be averted only by making officers and men subject to military discipline.

The report adds a new element to the story of the crews of ships carrying troops and supplies to Europe. A proposal to have all American ocean merchant craft manned by naval reserves has been rejected by the shipping board, which recently announced that the navy would operate troopership and vessels carrying solely military supplies, but that all others would retain their merchant crews.

Ever since the war in Europe created an abnormal demand for seamen, Gen. Sharp's report says, there has been trouble. The army transport Sherman was tied up for some time in March, 1917, when under orders for Honolulu with military building materials, by a demand for higher pay by the crew.

"That increase had to be granted," says the report, "before the ship could sail."

"Since the United States entered the war," it continues, "the need for a firm control over transport crews has increased, difficulties with certain members of the crews arising at almost every meeting of an army transport and the same conditions multiplying on the harbor boats, mine planters and cable steamers."

"In April of this year, with war at hand, the crew of the army transport Thomas refused to sail without an increase in pay, while at Newport, R. I., the army vessel crews were about to refuse to get better pay in the naval reserve.

"With the rate of wages fixed by law," the report says, "the department has found itself seriously embarrassed and handicapped in undertaking to accede to the demands for increases, and in several instances an adjustment to meet the requirements of the crew has only recently been made, as a result of a request from the same crew in a very short period, so that the department has been placed at the mercy of its employees."

Ruskey is credited with having put together one of the very best sketches of the year, "The Meanest Man in the World." Right after this had scored a hit, along he came with "Cranberries," which shows him in very happy vein indeed as a playwright. He has been fortunate in getting a cast of adequate talents to present it.

For the moment, however, let us commend you to Eddie Dowling, the international comedian, who not only portrays types which are known on the continent, but who has put forward these types in the very climes where they are best known. His天然 is a fine place of work, as are his London duds and his Parisian boulevardier. Dowling has a swing and a kick to him which are simply irresistible.

Angell, Alde and Fuller have brought together a little skit made out of the elements of life right out of the present time. Comedy is featured in it, although there is a strikingly patriotic finale. One of the leading characters is that of the Civil war veteran, who does not believe in slackers, and who makes himself thoroughly well understood on that subject. Webster and Fuller will contribute a song and dance, or two. They are lively performers who may be depended upon to get a lot of fun out of their work, and who invariably please their audience. The Trennell trio are circus performers who will give "Bells from Circus-

dom," an act of thrills and comedy and music.

The picture feature of the week is no less a star film than "The Cinderella Man," with Mae Marsh in the leading part. Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE

"Playthings," a terrible indictment of parents who allow their daughters to grow up in ignorance, by Sidney Toler, is to be the week's production by the New Emerson Players at the Opera House.

The daring and gripping story about which the author has woven four interesting acts concerns a girl's struggle against circumstances and her struggle for justice against overwhelming odds. It is a human and appealing play of modern times, and no one who is interested in the universal problem of humanity can afford to miss it.

In the Players will again be shown to excellent advantage. Douglas Dumbrille and Miss Ralston are selected to score bigger hits than on any former occasion, while the supporting cast will be found in congenial roles.

This afternoon and tonight offers for any \$25 suit to be had at J. L. Chaffilou's store, will be given to the holder of the lucky reserved seat comp. Remember these offers are for both afternoon and night and genuine reserved seat

The above letter is one of thousands the Red Cross has received from American soldiers and sailors in service abroad and in training at home. This boy writes from the Y. M. C. A. room at Plattsburgh, N. Y.

coupons are eligible. Try your luck, who have appeared in other World Pictures with much success. Some of the features in which this popular screen actress has appeared are: "A Square Deal," "The Social Leper," "The Family Honor," "The Page Mystery," "The Marriage Market," "The Wife," "Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me," and many other like successes, but in "The Tenth Case" she brings to the surface with more force and power her unusual talents as member of the silent drama. All of her charming personality is also reflected in her portrayal in her latest release.

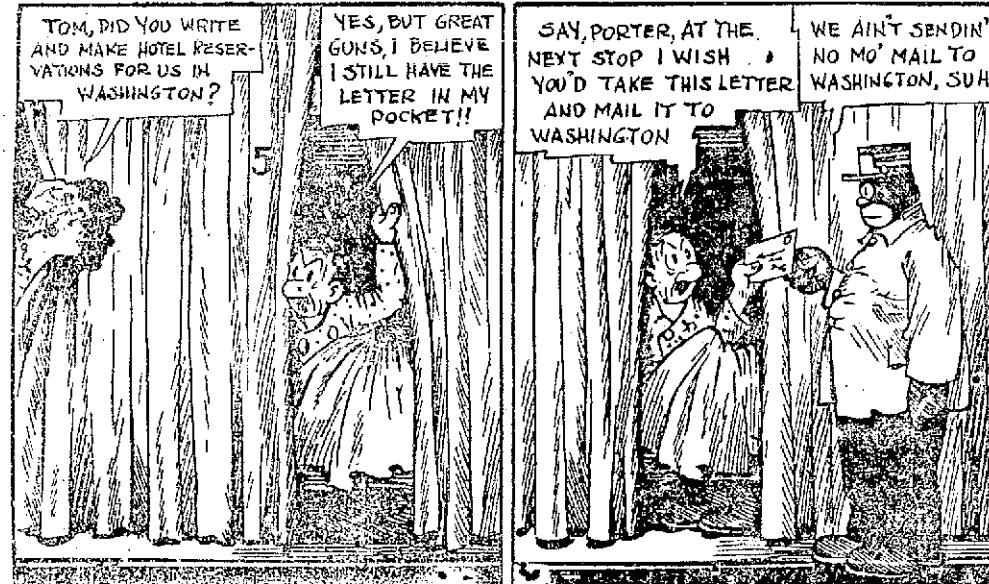
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The first presentation is this afternoon and the last Wednesday night. Indications at this time are that the second, making at 8:30, will be well attended.

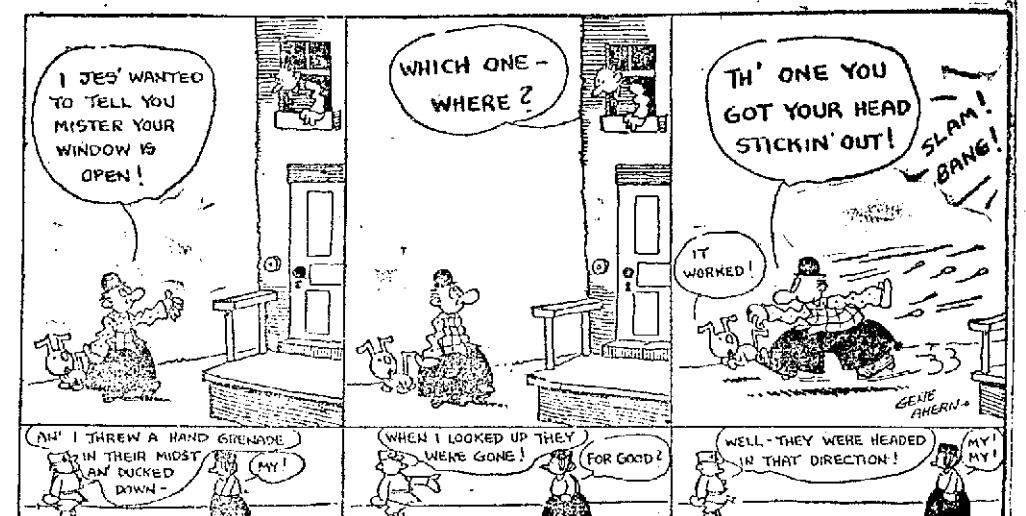
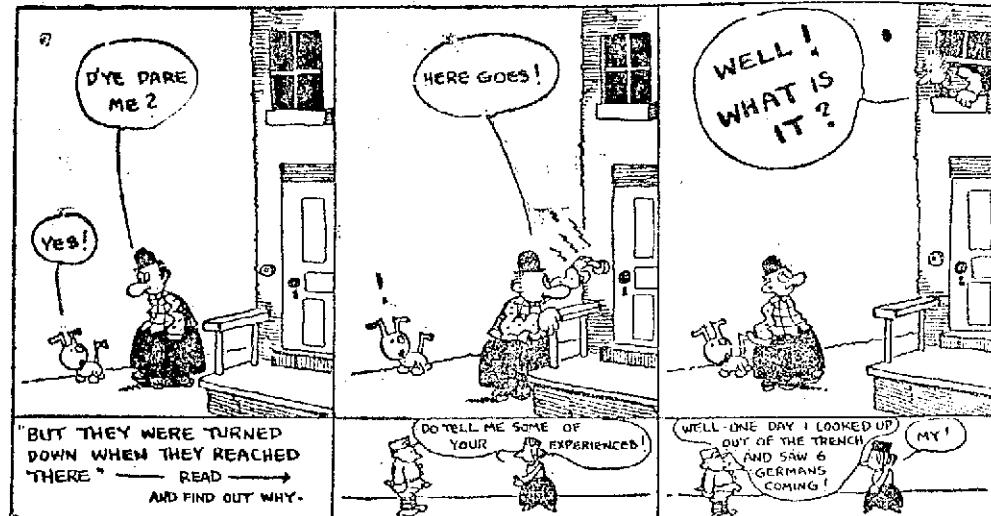
"The Tenth Case," a World Film corporation production by William A. Brady, director general, in which Miss Elvridge is to appear, is to be presented on the occasion of this latest production. It is an unusually interesting drama of modern life. The star has the role of Claudia Payton, which demands a characterization of force and power in which she is seen to splendid advantage. Supporting Miss Elvridge is a company of particular excellence embracing a number of film favorites.

Miss Dora Green will be the week's

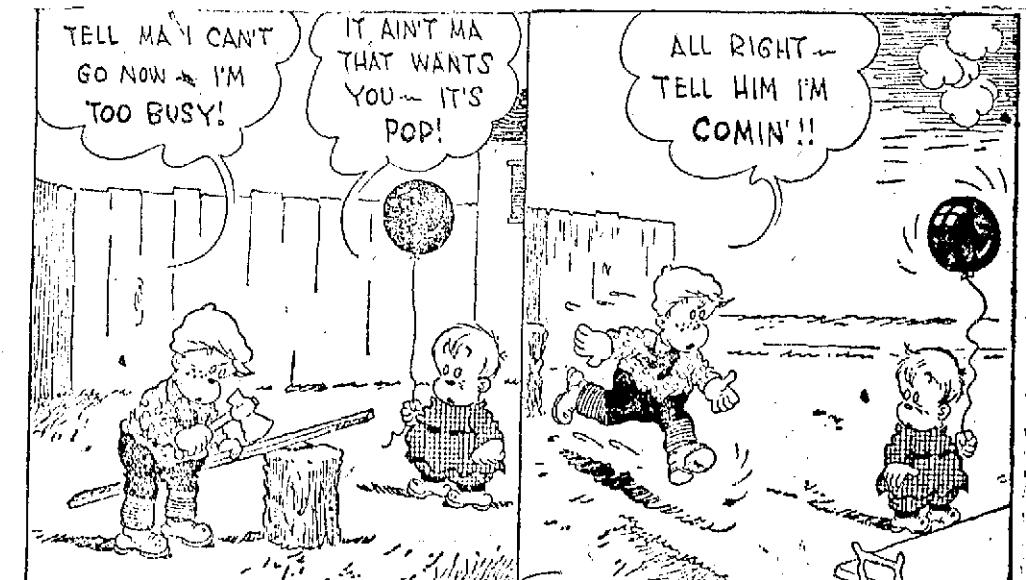
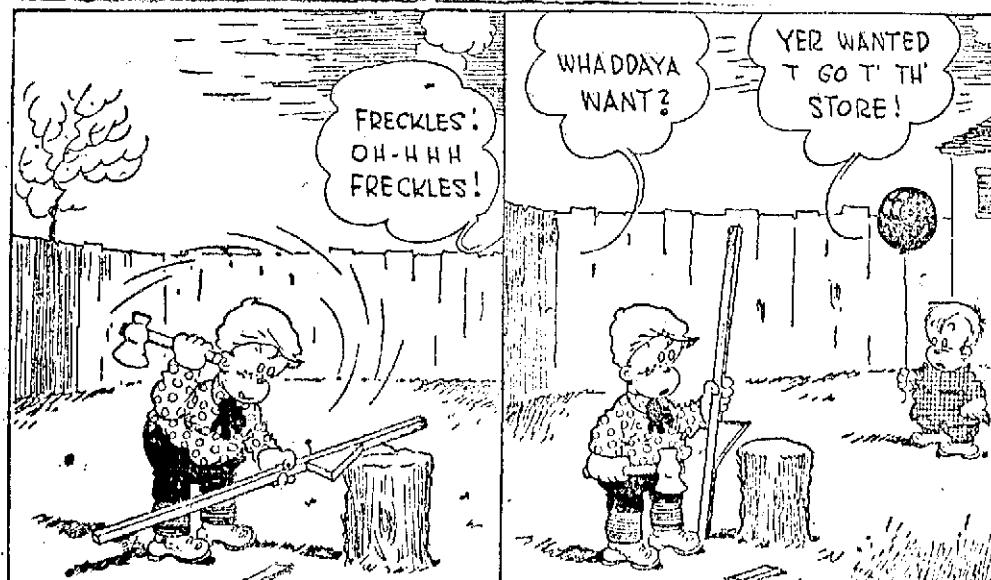
THE LETTER FOLLOWED NEXT DAY



WE'LL SEND HIM TO BED WITHOUT SUPPER, FOR THAT



IT MAKES QUITE A DIFFERENCE



AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEELIN THEATRE
A Scotch Highland act which holds novelty as well as the better known concomitants will be featured at the B. F. Keelin theatre, this week. Tom Brown's Musical Highlanders is the original title of the act, and it there will appear for now, and three women. The kilts and the pipes will be worn, and the flavor will be the irresistible one of the heather land, although several new things will be brought forward, notably the songs of the old Highland, which will be used a sing. This is likely to be remarkably well done, and it is sure to make a very decided hit.

"Cranberries," a comedy with a real love motif, and which was written by Edward S. Ruskey, will be the third offering on this very good bill. Mr.

soloist, and the Strand Symphony players will provide their usual high-class musical numbers. The comedy, Strand revue of current events, and the Educational feature will be of added interest to all lovers of high-class entertainment.

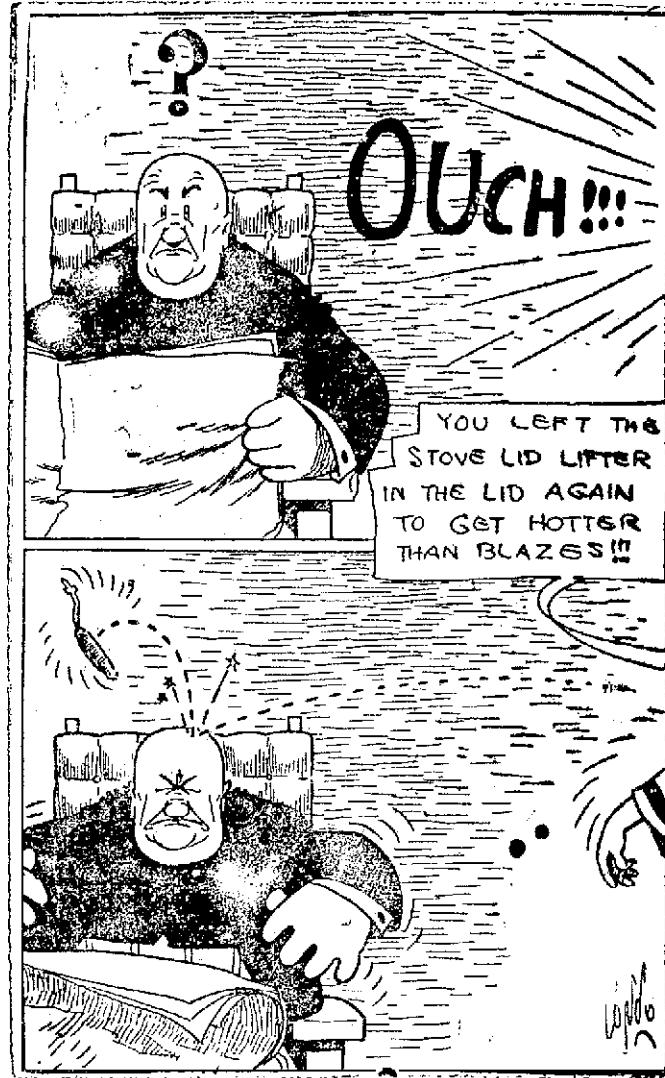
JULIUS C. ZAEDER, WELL KNOWN ELK, DIED IN WORCESTER HOSPITAL

WORCESTER, Dec. 17.—Julius C. Zaeder, aged 52, one of the most prominent Elks in New England and for many years one of Worcester's best known restaurant managers, died yesterday in the City hospital after a month's illness of heart disease. Mr. Zaeder was a native of Hartford, son of the late Benjamin and Ellen (Karst) Zaeder, but practically all his life was passed in Worcester, having moved to his with his parents when he was six months old.

He was a charter member and past exalted ruler of Worcester Lodge of Elks, in which he was known as the father of the Christmas giving to widows and orphans. He attended all the national conventions of the order up to a few years ago and had served as district deputy and had given the principal address at Elks' memorial exercises all over New England. During his term as head of Worcester Lodge he erected the Wapiti clubhouse at Lake Quinsigamond for the Elks.

He was also a member of the Moose, was past president of the Forest club, and a member of Worcester County Fish and Game association.

He is survived by a wife and daughter and two brothers. The funeral will be Wednesday.



LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:
Respectfully libel and represents that she was lawfully married to James L. Dorn, now of Wiscasset, Maine, at said Pepperell, on the 29th day of July A. D. 1886, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said James L. Dorn have lived together as husband and wife in said town, to wit, at said Pepperell, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but that the said James L. Dorn, being a habitual drunkard, on the same day, at said Pepperell or on about the first day of May A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May 1st, 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said James L. Dorn.
Dated this fifth day of December A. D. 1917.

SUSIE W. DORN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Superior Court—December 12, A. D. 1917.

Upon the foregoing libel it is ordered that the said Susie W. Dorn, libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned date, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court—December 12, A. D. 1917.

To all persons interested in the estate of James Howe, late of Tewksbury, deceased, wherefore:

Whereas Esther M. Small, the administratrix of said estate not already administered of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-sixth day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before the same, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court—December 12, A. D. 1917.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Dolly Randolph, late of Lowell, in said County.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Chester J. O'Brien of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court—December 12, A. D. 1917.

To all persons interested in the estate of Henry J. Learned, late of Tewksbury, in said County, deceased:

Whereas Wilbur D. Foley, who prays that let me retain him, may be retained to her, the executrix therein named, as Sabina Frances Foley, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Rosanna Grindard, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Joseph Grindard, administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition, to have said estate, in accordance with the terms named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best in the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-sixth day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court—December 12, A. D. 1917.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John L. Leighton, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1917, by Elizabeth Barron, of Middlesex, in said County, deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Lillian M. Owens, of Billerica, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1917, by Elizabeth Barron, of Middlesex, in said County, deceased.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court—December 12, A. D. 1917.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Robert E. Pease, of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1917, by Elizabeth Barron, of Middlesex, in said County, deceased.

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Fair tonight; Tuesday unsettled, probably snow with rising temperature.

GERMANS SINK 14 SHIPS

MISS VARNEY'S COUNSEL PLEADS FOR ACQUITTAL

DEDHAM, Dec. 17.—"When the curtain rises on the second act of this drama, another face will be there," shouted counsel for the defense in summing up today in the trial of Miss Al. Keyes, accused of having murdered the wife of the man she loved, Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes. Later coming to the part which the husband, George H. Keyes, had taken in the prosecution, Attorney David P. O'Connell demanded to know why the state had taken the trouble to attack a defense of Keyes. "Oh, God!" he added, "an' all for that man!" The concluding plea added another unusual one, to an extraordinary case. Keyes and Miss Varney had been intimately associated and apparently were friendly up to the time that her trial began. Then Keyes became the chief witness for the state and the defense made its greatest effort to show that the defendant had been wholly under his influence.

Defendant in Tears

The defense claimed that Mrs. Keyes might have shot herself and that the note alleged to have been written by her was not shown to be in the handwriting of anyone else. The attorney asserted that the evidence that Miss Varney had purchased a revolver had failed completely, the defense having established that the revolver was bought in Boston by a former employee of Keyes. Mr. O'Connell spoke for nearly three hours. The greater part of the time the defendant was composed and followed closely apparently the argument. At times, however, when the lawyer spoke of her earlier life and the long-

CLOSE PLANTS TO SUPPLY HOMES WITH COAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Authority to shut down industries, if necessary, to supply house holders with coal, was granted by the fuel administration today to W. K. Prudden, federal fuel administrator for Michigan. Many Michigan cities are said to be almost entirely without supplies for domestic needs.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

George Judson, aged 27 years, a parole man from the Massachusetts infirmary, was arraigned before

THE "BLOOD AND

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is important in peace as well as in war. Every man and woman who would be a winner and not a slacker should have the strength of iron in the blood.

The new iron tonic, Peptiron, combines this valuable metal in medicinal form so that it is easily digested and readily assimilated. Peptiron also includes pepsin, pux, celery, gentian and other tonics—sedatives for the nerves, digestives and carminatives—a health-giving medicine in convenient pill form.

Take it for anemia or thin blood, pellagra, nerve debility, brain-fag, one or two Peptiron after each meal and quickly tell a story of marvellous results. Get it today.

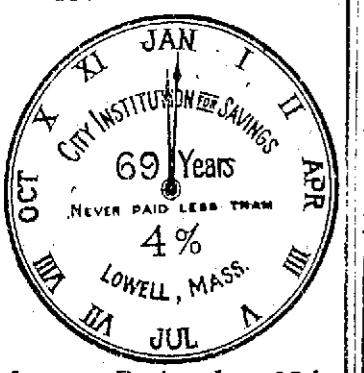
HEADQUARTERS FOR GIFTS

Not the most wonderful collection in the world, but certainly wonderful enough to make this the one millionth gift. You never told me, ever will tell you of the thousands of gift suggestions that are spread before you as you glance through the aisles and on the counters of this Christmas store.

The store is just a vast gift bazaar giving expression to the Yuletide spirit in terms of merchandise and deeds. It seems to have a superhuman gift that never stops putting back fresh goods as fast as others are sold out.

Shop Earlier This Christmas.

"TIME TO SAVE"



"SMOKE TALK"

and General Good Time at

ELKS' HALL

TOMORROW (Tuesday) EVENING

December 18th, 1917.

ELKS' ORCHESTRA,

James H. Buckley, Leader.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

A REASONABLE PLACE
TO EAT

FOX'S LUNCH ROOM

TABLES FOR LADIES.

10 Bridge St. Next to Keith's Theatre.

Interest Begins Jan. 12th

Raiders Attack Convoy in North Sea, Sinking 11 Vessels--3 Sent Down Off Tyne

LONDON, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced today. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8000.

Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of whom are women and ten British, were rescued by four British destroyers detached from a cruiser squadron which was hastened to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats.

The German raid duplicates the successful enterprise of last October, carried out by two German raiders which attacked a convoy in the North sea.

They sank nine neutral merchantmen and two of the escorting British de-

stroyers. Five Norwegian, three Swedish and one Danish vessel were sunk without warning. Three other merchantmen escaped. The raiders were armed heavily, and succeeded in evading the British watchers on the return as well as the outward trip.

THREE MORE SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Two neutral merchant vessels and a trawler were sunk off the Tyne on Dec. 12 by German destroyers, Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary to the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today.

Red Cross Nation Wide Drive for 15,000,000 Members Starts Today--The Program

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The great American Red Cross drive starts today.

It is nation-wide and every city, town and hamlet is a Red Cross recruiting centre.

Its goal is fifteen million members! Not money, but men and women are wanted.

No field service is required of these new members.

It is their enthusiasm, loyalty and backing that is desired.

The drive lasts eight days, closing on Christmas eve.

Nothing less than 15,000,000 new members will satisfy officials of Red Cross who planned this membership drive and who now are directing the eight-day campaign.

At least one member in every American home is hoped for, and in hundreds of thousands of homes whole families will be enlisted under the Red Cross banner.

This will mean more knitting for soldiers and sailors, more woolen socks, helmets and sweaters; more bandages and other hospital supplies.

That spells more comfort for our fighting boys in training over here and in training over there.

Every local chapter has been instructed and prepared for this drive. Systematic canvasses of homes and business establishments will be made in the effort to obtain members. Public meetings will be held each day and evening in all cities.

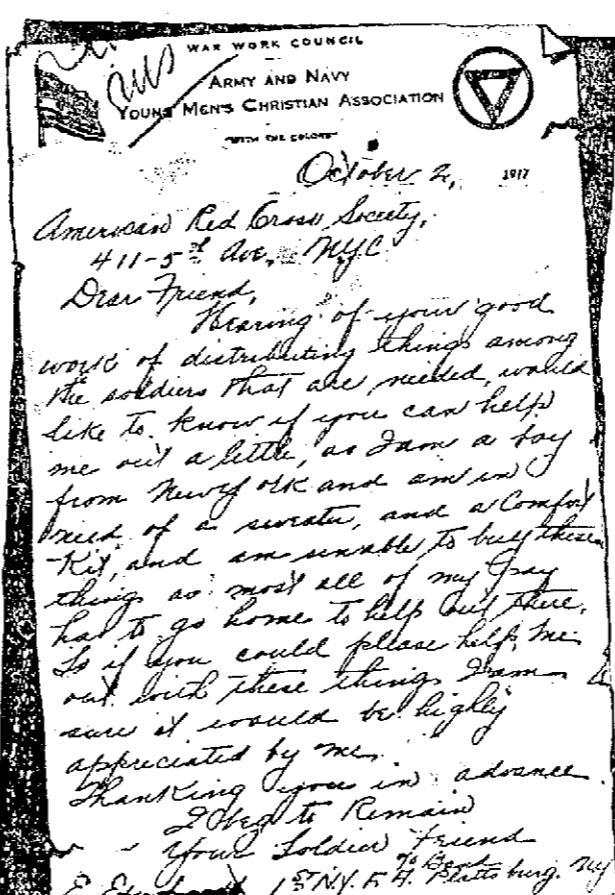
Tuesday is civil employee's day. Mayors are asked to issue proclamations and Red Cross flags are to be raised on all municipal buildings to round out the drive.

Wednesday is women's day, on which special tribute will be paid to the work which women are doing in Red Cross.

Thursday is school day, on which every teacher is asked to children the significance of the Red Cross.

Friday is employee's day, on which special tribute will be paid to the support which the laboring man is giving to Red Cross work. Large factories will be visited by member-getting crews of men and women.

Saturday is Boy Scouts' day, on



The above letter is one of thousands the Red Cross has received from American soldiers and sailors in service abroad and in training at home. This boy writes from the Y. M. C. A. room at Plattsburgh, N. Y.

which Boy Scouts will "go over the top" for Red Cross members.

Sunday is church day, on which Christmas sermons on the Red Cross

will be preached in many churches.

Monday is Red Cross Christmas

evening day. At 7:30 on Christmas eve.

Continued on page seven.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The fuel

administration has called on the

privy shipment board to give coal fur-

ther preference over the other freight

in an effort to relieve the fuel situa-

tion throughout the country.

DETAILS OF CAPTURE AND ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A bayonet charge by London troops against Turks and German colonials, who had machine guns, was the climax of Gen. Allenby's drive that forced the surrender of Jerusalem, according to a Reuter despatch from British headquarters in Palestine, sent by airplane.

Tried to Have Americans Exiled

Describing conditions in the city before its capitulation, the correspondent says hungry people fought for the bodies of animals that had died. Many allied sympathizers were executed. The Germans tried to have 300 Americans exiled and the Turks finally sent some of the younger males to Damascus.

In attacks preceding the surrender of Jerusalem the Turks employed storming troops in successive assaults on Nobl Samuel, northwest of the Holy City, the hill of Mount Scopus, according to a Reuter despatch from British headquarters in Palestine.

Eight for Bodies of Animals

Of conditions in Jerusalem I learn that in the early days of the war and the abortive attacks against the Suez canal, British losses in pack animals exceeded 40,000 head from neglect, lack of food and overwork. The people were so famished from hunger that they used to fight for the bodies of the animals that died in and about the town. Then there was suspicion and persecution. Everybody suspected or sympathized with the allies was imprisoned or killed. Many were

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imprisoned. Among these was the Mufti of Gaza belonging to a distinguished Arab family, who, after an attempt to escape, was captured and hanged with his son outside the Jaffa gate. All aged subjects were sent away but the American colony of about 200 was not molested. It did noble work in relieving distress, aided by funds from America.

When the United States broke off relations with Turkey, these funds were discontinued. Nevertheless, the members of the colony persisted in the good work to the best of their ability and between January and March of this year they assisted more than 250,000 persons. They also took charge of hospitals, and have done splendid service. Recently the Germans attempted to obtain the exile of all Americans from Jerusalem. The Turks opposed the proposal, but a number of younger males were sent to Damascus. It was also intended to deport the remainder, but the arrival there of the British defeated the intention.

"They found Hebron evacuated, but encountered resistance around Bethlehem where the Turks also had posted guns so that counter-battery work would endanger the sacred village. Hence our troops had the disagreeable experience of being shelled without the ability to reply. But they pressed forward and by noon of the eighth were two miles north of Bethlehem.

"The Londoners had a hard task on the steep slopes of the Judean hills where it was impossible to bring field guns to their support; but some mountain batteries and howitzers rendered magnificent service and by seven in the morning the Londoners had come to grips and stormed and captured all the enemy works west of the town. . . .

Driven Out at Point of Bayonet

The Turks still held the last line on the ridge overlooking Jerusalem, having posted numerous machine guns in the houses of the Jewish and German colonists in the furthest outskirts of the town. The population of Jerusalem is heart and soul with us, and there cannot be the slightest doubt of the attitude of the Jews and Arabs. According to the Turkish estimates, according to Palestine, nearly 25,000 Arabs and Jews who deserted the army to evade military service, as they were beginning to realize the mistakes of their policy."

AT YOUR SERVICE

Glad to have you call at the Bank and talk over any matters of business or finance which may be puzzling you. That's our business. We are glad to give you the benefit of our experience and will try to advise you wisely.

DON'T HESITATE TO COME

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Merrimack River Savings Bank

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PATRICK A. HAYES LAWYER

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COUPON BONDS OF CONVERTED FIRST LIBERTY LOAN

READY FOR DELIVERY

Lowell Institution for Savings

15 SHATTUCK STREET.

BUSINESS transacted on Saturday last at Middletown Trust Co., day and evening, in items handled, surpassed that of any single day's business ever transacted by a Lowell bank. Enrollment in the 1918 Thrift Club was urged on days of week prior to Saturday. Those who attempted to enter the bank Saturday evening can now appreciate the motive.

Those who were turned away by the crowding were told or may know, that they may join during bank hours any day this present week.

THIS PRIVILEGE IS EXTENDED TO ALL. THE MIDDLESEX USES ALL THE PEOPLE PRECISELY ALIKE. Those who for any reason failed to reach the counter, may join any day the present week.

Again it is urged—DO NOT WAIT TILL SATURDAY NIGHT.

Middlesex Deposit & Trust Co.

Merrimack-Palmer Sts.

Dancing

TONIGHT
ASSOCIATE HALL

LADIES 15c, GENTLEMEN 25c

Miner-Doyle Orchestra

MEANS FOUND NOT GUILTY

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17.—Gaston B. Means was found not guilty here yesterday of the murder of Mrs. Maude King.

The jury received the case Saturday night, but, after two hours of deliberation, announced that a verdict would not be returned until yesterday. Mrs. King, a wealthy widow, was killed at Blackwelder spring, a lonely spot in the country near here, on Aug. 29 last, when, with Means and a party of his friends, she had stopped on an automobile drive to practice pistol shooting. She and Means were alone at the time, Capt. W. S. Bingham and Afton Means, a brother of Gaston, having walked down the road to shoot rabbits.

A coroner's inquest accepted the statement of Gaston Means that she shot herself accidentally. After her body was taken to Chicago for burial, however, the coroner's physician there declared that the wound in the back of the head could not have been self-inflicted. The investigation shifted to New York, where Mrs. King had resided for several years and where Means had handled her business affairs.

Then a search of the apartments of Mrs. King and her sister, and those of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Means, disclosed, according to New York officials, that Means had misappropriated the woman's money, and also that he was connected with German agents.

Mrs. King had inherited approximately \$1,000,000 from her second husband, the late James C. King of Chicago, and during the trial New York and Chicago witnesses declared nearly all of this sum had "vanished" during the time Means was connected with the woman's affairs.

North Carolina officials suspended the investigation, and on a hearing before Sept. 18, Means was bound over to the grand jury and later indicted.

At his trial, which began here Nov. 26, the state contended that Means had looted the woman's fortune and killed her to escape an accounting.

The defense contended the woman's death was accidental, that she stumbled, fractured her ankle, fell and died the next day.

A small crowd, which had been attracted by the reports that the jury had called for Judge Clue, was in court when the verdict was announced, but after court had adjourned Means was given an impromptu reception, relatives, friends and members of his counsel surrounding him to shake his hand and offer congratulations.

LOMASNEY COMES OUT FOR PETERS

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Martin M. Lomasney, a leader in democratic politics, announced last night that he would support Andrew J. Peters for mayor in the election Tuesday.

Mr. Lomasney is generally conceded to have a following of several thousand voters, but supporters of the other four candidates said that the contest this year was so bitter and complicated that they believed his stand would not affect them.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Political prophets acknowledged themselves baffled yesterday in efforts to pick the winner of this city's mayoralty contest next



Resinol would clear her skin

"She would be a pretty girl, if it wasn't for that pimply, blotchy complexion!" But the regular use of Resinol Soap, aided at first by a little Resinol Ointment, would probably make it clear, fresh and charming. If a poor skin is your handicap, begin using the Resinol treatment and see how quickly it improves.

Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment are excellent, too, for the care of the hair, dandruff and keeping the hair lice and lice out. All druggists sell Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment.

The Resinol Treatment contains nothing that could irritate or irritate the most sensitive skin.

K. OF C. COMMITTEE ON WAR ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—That arrangements have been made with the American military authorities in France for social, recreational and religious work among the soldiers of the expeditionary forces, by the Knights of Columbus, representing the Catholic people of this country, is the word which the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities has received from Walter N. Kieran, who is representing the organization abroad. Mr. Kieran will arrive in America in the near future to complete certain details of the work and to enliven the services of a large number of field regiments and auxiliary chaplains for foreign service.

Mr. Kieran went to France about two months ago, resigning as vice-president and general counsel of the New York state railroads and Adirondack Valley company, to devote himself to Knights of Columbus recreation work among Uncle Sam's fighting forces. He is a resident of Utica, N. Y., and New York City. En route to France he stopped in England, where he saw well-known English Catholics, an Edward Eire, head of the Catenian society; his son-in-law, Lord Campden and Vincent Wareing, of the Catholic Encyclopedia, expressed themselves as being greatly interested in this Catholic social work.

Mr. Kieran's work abroad will probably exceed that which we are doing for the soldiers and sailors in this country, says Col. P. H. Callahan, chairman of the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities, "for it stands to reason that once the American soldiers are placed on foreign soil, there will be more need to surround them with proper recreational, social and religious facilities." The budget of expenditures for the current year in this country will be considerably more than \$1,000,000 and it is bound to be much higher in Europe. However, we

expect to see our foreign work through to completion and will not stop at expenses."

Eight Knights of Columbus chaplains are now serving in France and this number will be greatly increased. Knights of Columbus recreation buildings will be erected wherever they are needed for the convenience of the American troops abroad, and the work done on French soil will in every respect duplicate that which is being accomplished under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus in the encampments and cantonments of the United States.

The submarine came alongside our boat and the man who appeared to command spoke English with a pronounced American accent. He asked the name of the ship, cargo, curried, name of master and vessel's papers. He then told us to go about our busi-

ness, got underway, steamed toward the vessel and commenced firing again. The vessel sank in about an hour after the submarine was sighted.

"The wind increased in force so that we had to put out a drag. It then became a gale, so severe that it now seems impossible that the boat could have lived through it. At 4 p.m. on the 17th the gale abated and the weather became fine.

"We made sail and proceeded toward land, where we arrived on the morning of the 18th at Mingul, Spain. The boat had been considerably from exposure. We were treated kindly by the people where we landed and all hands rapidly recuperated. We proceeded to Coruña on Oct. 21, where

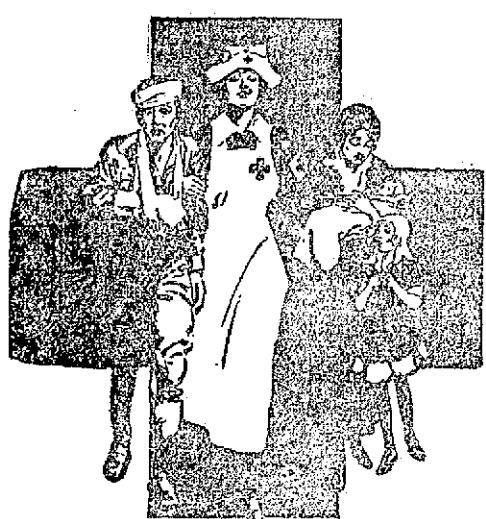
we remained for a month before embarking for New York."

The Righter was owned by the Shepard Morris Lumber company and was laden with lubricating oil for France.

NAME OF TAUNTON MAN ON LATEST CANADIAN CASUALTY LIST

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17.—The latest Canadian overseas casualty list includes the name of T. Russell, Taunton, Mass., wounded.

The Sun is read daily in more homes in Lowell than any other newspaper.



THE SPIRIT OF THE RED CROSS!

To Care for the Wounded at the Front and the Folks at Home

To Carry On this Great Humanitarian Work

The American Red Cross Is Calling YOU

New England's Quota—One Million New Members by Christmas Eve. Will you be one? It costs only One Dollar to join and no other service is required.

When you join the great Red Cross your membership fee goes to help carry on the most far-reaching and effective work of mercy the world has ever known. Surely YOU do not want to withhold a dollar that will help lighten the hardships, guard the health and bind the wounds of "our boys over there."

The Christmas spirit and the Red Cross spirit have much in common. You can't keep Christmas more appropriately or more effectively this year than by keeping up the Red Cross. Pay your dollar TODAY. Wear the 1918 button. Watch for and take part in the Red Cross Christmas Eve ceremonies.

Send a Christmas Dollar on an Errand of Mercy

They Also Serve Who Join the Great Red Cross

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Every conceivable style in gowns is shown in our large Christmas collection. Made with beautiful embroidered yokes, fine laces, daintily trimmed with ribbons. Large assortment of styles at each price.

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Women's Fine Quality Combinations

Our assortment of combinations never has been as large or as attractive as now. Made from fine nainsook and cotton, trimmed with organdy inserts and lace insertion, also many styles in fine embroidery.

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Is one of the biggest things we have ever shown, made in very fine hand embroidered dainty patterns in chemise, gowns and combinations. They make most ideal Christmas gifts, at

98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98



Women's Fine Skirts

We are showing the largest line of skirts ever shown in Lowell. Unusual values are in this tremendous assortment. Made of the finest cambrics with deep ruffles of embroidery and lace insertions. A real Christmas gift. Priced

79c, 98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49, \$2.98, \$3.98

Women's Envelope Chemise

Many new effects in envelope chemise are being shown in our great Christmas collection. Beautiful lace and embroidered trimmings and a large assortment of styles at each price.

79c, 98c, \$1.49, \$2.98, \$3.98

TIRPITZ SAYS ENGLAND VICTOR TO DATE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—The German papers contain lengthy accounts of the speech of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz before the Hamburg branch of the Fatherland party, in which the admiral said:

"Up to the present in this war Great Britain has won, rather than lost, the war based on the status quo ante or on renunciation, therefore, is out of the question for Germany."

With reference to the rumor that Germany would give up Zeebrugge and Ostend if the British evacuated Calais, von Tirpitz said:

"The evacuation of Calais would never be equivalent to the loss of such first class security. Moreover, the channel tunnel will become a fact after the war. For real security we should have, besides Flanders and Antwerp, Calais and Boulogne. The rumor in question is a screen behind which the question of Flanders might be permitted to disappear."

"The protest that we cannot coerce

France and America fails to the ground when we consider the growing scarcity of the cargo space of our ruthless arch enemy. The time for final decision will come when real distress begins to take the place of merely threatening distress. That time will come. It is only a question of keeping cool."

U-BOAT CAPTAIN HAD AMERICAN ACCENT

GLoucester, Dec. 17.—Capt. Stephen Black of the three-masted schooner Jennie E. Righter, sunk by gunfire off the Spanish coast on October 16, has arrived at his home in this city and tells a thrilling story of his experiences with the German submarine.

Besides Capt. Black there were five other Gloucester men on the craft. They were Malcolm McDonald, Albert T. Young, John Grant, Alfred Town and Charles Blateford, the latter being the cook. Capt. Dennis O'Neill of Boston was mate.

After being compelled to leave their craft the crew were exposed to the worst gale of Capt. Black's 23 years of sea experience. It seems impossible that the boat could have lived through it, he said last night.

"We were in an open boat," he said, "the greater part of the time in a fearful gale and lashing downpour. We were sailing on a course east by south at about latitude 42 degrees 45 minutes, longitude 10 degrees 2 minutes on October 16, when our watch saw something east of the port bow. We soon recognized it as a submarine.

We soon recognized it as a submarine. The boat had a periscope and part of the bow was above water. "I ordered the crew to clew down topsails and prepare to leave the vessel. The submarine came rapidly to the surface and came on starboard side of

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Even the drippings which you save from Star Ham and Bacon provide excellent fat for cooking purposes. This eliminates waste and permits a substantial saving in the cost of every pound of ham or bacon you buy.

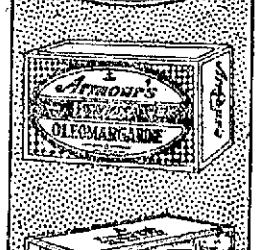
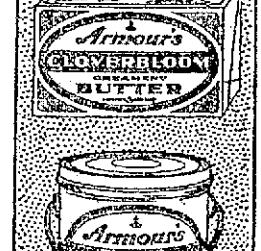
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MYSTERIOUS PERMISSION USE RIOT GUNS IN RAID TO BOSTON BOYS AT YAYER AT BRIDGEPORT

CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, Dec. 17.—A telegram was received at division headquarters yesterday from the war department stating that there is no objection in that department to granting permission to the Boston regiment to go to Boston next Tuesday, election day, to parade for the Civil and Spanish war veterans.

This was the first news that either headquarters or the regiment had of a parade of veterans in Boston on election day, and there was no information available last night as to whether Brig. Gen. William Weigel, commanding the division, will allow the regiment a day of its military training.

The wording of the telegram was not given to the press. It was stated, however, that in substance the telegram says that the Civil and Spanish war veterans wanted the 301st Infantry, "Boston's Own," to parade in Boston, Dec. 18, and that the war department had no objections provided there was no expense to the government involved.

Unofficial inquiries brought no news of a parade for Civil war veterans and only the news that there is a convention of the army of the Philippines scheduled to be held Tuesday night at the old Franklin schoolhouse on Washington street, South End.

Men Excited Over Election

Camp Devens does know, however, that next Tuesday settles one of the hottest political campaigns Boston has ever known; and the 17,000 Boston men of the 301st Infantry are excited over the possibility of being in on it.

Whenever permission was asked to have draftees leave camp to participate in the state election or in elections in other cities throughout Massachusetts it was always denied on the ground that the war department had ruled that no men should be given leave to go home to vote.

It is known also that appeals have come from Boston to this division asking that Boston men be allowed to come home to vote, and each request has met with refusal on the ground of the war department ruling.

The telegram from the adjutant general at the war department makes no mention of an election.

Officially it is simply a coincidence, apparently, that "Civil and Spanish war veterans" are planning a celebration Tuesday, Dec. 18, and would like to have Boston's Own on hand.

If Boston's Own does go down to Boston for a parade Tuesday there is scant doubt but what the rookies will find time to go themselves to ballot boxes.

Who Will Pay the Fare?

There have been things enough to keep the coming election alive in the minds of the recruits of the 301st Infantry, beside the newspaper reports. Both Mayor Curley and Congressman Sullivan have paid visits to the regiment within the last two months, the mayor to the regiment, and present the city of Boston flag, and Congressman Sullivan paying a friendly call at barracks.

Neither candidate addressed the soldiers in the election, but during the visits of both there were impromptu shoutings from the ranks on freedom in barracks. "Hurrah for Jim Curley," or "Hurrah for Jimmie Sullivan."

There was also a visit to the regiment several weeks ago by supporters of Mayor Curley, who brought nomination papers which were signed by soldiers.

Now the big unsettled question among the rookies is as to whether the telegram from the war department means also that the division commander will think it possible to dismiss the regiment from its drill and instruction for the day. There is also the question as to whether the railroad situation would make it possible to find special trains for the regiment.

Another question with which there is no light here is: Who will pay the fares of the soldiers?

And also that question: What parade is this that is being planned by veterans in Boston?"

17 U. S. ENGINEERS ARE MISSING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States Army engineer corps were reported missing in action by Gen. Pershing in a dispatch yesterday to the war department.

They were missing Nov. 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans while fighting valiantly with the engineer contingent which distinguished itself helping the British to check the attack.

The missing men with their emergency addresses are:

SHIRLEY PAUL M. SWINSON; mother, Mrs. J. J. Swinson, New York city.
COOP. FRANK UPTON; wife, Mrs. Jane Upton, New York city.
SOLOMON GOLDWATER; friend, Miss Rose Perlstein, New York city.
GEORGE H. J. SEAMAN; mother, Mrs. Anna Seaman, Woodhaven, L. I., New York.
DALTON RANLET; father, Daniel M. Ranlet, Corona, N. Y.
CHARLES A. GEOGHENIAN; mother, Mrs. Michael Geoghegan, New York city.
HAROLD T. ANDREWS; uncle, Frank Bradford, Portland, Me.
ALPHONSO J. McGRATH; relative, Timothy McGrath, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
MYRON VAN DE MARK; mother, Mrs. A. W. Van de Mark, New Paltz, N. Y.
FRANK BROOKS; sister, Mrs. B. Warshovsky, New York city.
JOHN L. MANEY; father, John M. Laney, New York city.
JOHN LALY; father, Michael Laly, Gorham, Me.
LUKE A. LOVELY; father, Thomas Lovely, South Amherst, N. J.
HARRY J. MASON; mother, Mrs. C. Mason, Jersey City, N. J.
MICHAEL PINA; father, James Pina, New York city.
PETER J. TINGO; mother, Mrs. Anthony Ting, New York city.
HERBERT E. UHLTZ; mother, Mrs. Karl, Newark, N. J.

STOP COUGHING

The simplest and best way to stop coughs, is to take

Foley's Honey and Tar

You get the curative influence of the pine balsam together with the modifying effect of the honey, and other healing ingredients. It leaves a soothing coating on the inflamed tickling throat, raises phlegm easily and puts a quick end to hard wearing coughs.

R. P. Hall, M.A., writes: "One bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar stopped a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation that had bothered me for fifteen years." Your dealer sells it. Try it.

Falls & Burkshausen, 418 Middlesex St., Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central St.

RESCUE WOMEN IN BED AT EVERETT FIRE

EVERETT, Dec. 17.—Two women confined to their beds were rescued yesterday afternoon during a fire in the three-story wooden dwelling house at 24 High street. The damage is estimated at \$2000.

The women were Mrs. Thomas P. Fiske, who was saved from the first floor, and Mrs. John O. P. Davis on the second floor. They were taken respectively to the homes of Mrs. Catherine E. Freely and to Charles D. Ladd near

William Greene, negro, shot in eye, will probably die.

The fight started shortly after 2. Virtually the whole police force was at one time engaged in the siege and the final battle took place when Supt. Redgate and a squad of patrolmen forced their way in the club room. Yesterday morning a white man made complaint to the police that he had been roughly handled at the Thomas quarters. The policemen summoned two others and attempted to enter the place. The door was slammed in their faces and shots fired through it. Policeman McNamara was hit in the leg and his partner sent in a call to his quarters for help.

The men inside barricaded the doors, opened the windows facing on Water street and threatened to shoot anyone approaching by that thoroughfare.

The police tried to force their way into the building, but were met with a volley. The place was then surrounded, one patrol of police taking its way in through rooms across the way, from where they fired into the windows of the clubhouse with hot guns, thus stopping the negroes from shooting into the road.

At the rear of the building, many of those who had been inside tried to get away, but were caught by the police. Then Supt. Redgate's squad reached the club room and the men were found who surrendered only after they had emptied their revolvers.

Thomas, who had escaped to the cellar of the adjoining building, was overpowered and held without bullet to await the outcome of the injuries of those shot in the melee.

Of the 105 under arrest, 12 are white men and 12 young white women, the rest being negro men and women.

REPORT OF DEATHS

For the Week Ending Dec. 15, 1917.

Dec. 6—David Welch, 54, traumatic cerebral hemorrhage.
Jeremiah McNamara, 44, cardiovascular disease.
Patrick Kennedy, 67, carcinoma of the rectum.
7—Henry McNamee, 55, cardio-renal disease.
Delta Toupin, 68, ch. nephritis.
John McIntyre, 57, heart disease.
Francesca Castellano, 44, intestinal obstruction.
Thomas P. Clarke, 73, lob. pneumonia.
8—Charles H. DeVeau, 37, lob. pneumonia.
Peter Olson, 72, ch. nephritis.
Thomas B. Roarke, 68, asthma.
Edward O'Connell, 34, car. hemorrhage.
9—Florence Leblanc, 1, broncho-pneumonia.
Myrtle F. Gallagher, 3m., gastritis.
John A. Tshepes, 37, peritonitis.
John P. Lynch, 68, comp. frac. of humerus.
Frederick Lee, 76, intestinal obstruction.
10—David Rivet, 78, broncho-pneumonia.
Hattie S. Glover, 54, cancer.
Isabelle Sutherland, 69, car. hemorrhage.
Emma Davis, 65, car. hemorrhage.
11—Thomas Manney, 49, typhoid fever.
Anastasia Manios, 33, pulm. tuberculosis.
William Conway, 40, intestinal obstruction.
Thomas O'Loughlin, 30, endocarditis.
12—Joseph P. Ryan, 32, per. anaemia.
13—Joseph Miller, 27, tub. peritonitis.
14—Joseph A. Gervais, 3m., ac. gastritis.
Stephen Flynn, City Clerk.

OLD TIME YULETIDE CAROLS WILL BE SUNG ON BOSTON COMMON

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Old time Yuletide carols will be sung by a large chorus of school children and members of choral societies on the Common on Christmas eve. The demonstration has been arranged partly to provide entertainment for soldiers and sailors now in the city, and army and navy bands will participate.

NO MORE APPLICATIONS FOR ENLISTMENT AS AERIAL OBSERVERS WILL BE RECEIVED

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Lieut. Lester Watson of the aeronautical division of the department of the northeast announced today that he had been notified by the war department that no further applications for enlistment as aerial observers would be received. Applications for the non-flying section will continue to be accepted from men more than 30 years old.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

At least 350,000 individuals residing in Massachusetts will be required, during the months of January and February, 1918, to make returns to their income for the year 1917 to the federal government. Every unmarried person who had an income of \$1000 or more during the year 1917, and every married individual living with wife or husband, who had an income of \$2000 or more for the year 1917, must make this return on or before March 1, 1918. Individuals who have not been required to make this return of income are not thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the law as passed by congress on Oct. 3, 1917, this office is planning a campaign of publicity in order that they may become acquainted with the provisions of the law, and in addition plans to have, during the months of January and February, approximately 100 federal income tax experts stationed throughout the state in order that they may give advice and make out returns, without any cost to the taxpayer. The public will be notified later of the dates upon which the income tax experts will be in the different towns and cities throughout the state, and should wait their coming before attempting to make out their returns. The hours of these men will be so arranged that individuals who are employed throughout the day will be given an opportunity to consult them and make returns out under their supervision.

The income tax office at Boston has been overwhelmed with correspondence relating to the individual income tax bill of Oct. 3, 1917, since the date of its enactment. It is urgently requested that the public refrain from writing to this office for returns or for interpretations of the law as correct interpretations of the law will be furnished through the press and by the income tax men, and blank forms upon which the individual may make out his returns will be at convenient points for distribution in the towns and cities of the state in the early part of January.

Taxpayers who have made income tax returns for previous years will, therefore, receive their blanks through the mail.

Watch the papers for further information. Respectfully, John P. Malley, Collector.

by The house is owned by Mrs. Abbie T. Ellius. The fire had gained great headway before the fire apparatus arrived, despite the efforts of the occupants of the house to stop it by an improvised bucket brigade. It worked its way into the walls of the house, huge billows of smoke rolled over the hill, attracting about 500 to the place.

The fire started from an overheated furnace.

SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS RATIFIED AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—The Swiss government has ratified an agreement with the United States by which the American government will furnish Switzerland 31,000 ears of wheat and 30,000 ears of other cereals.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Premier Clemenceau appeared today for the second time before the committee of deputies examining the Caillaux case and de-

clared that if the former premier's immunity was not waived the government would not remain in power another hour. The committee then decided to waive parliament immunity. Nine of the 11 members voted favorably, while two refused to vote.

FRENCH PREMIER THREATENED TO QUIT IF CAILLAUX IMMUNITY WAS NOT WAIVED

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HENRY CLAY BARNABEE, "SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM" IN "ROBIN HOOD" IS DEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Henry Clay Barnabee, son of the "sheriff of Nottingham" in de Koven's comic opera "Robin Hood," died at his home in the Jamaica Plain district today after a long illness. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Barnabee was seriously injured by a fall a few months ago. For

some time he hovered between life and death in a private hospital but recently his condition improved and he was able to return to his home.

Even during the suffering of his last days, the famous operatic comedian never lost the spirit of cheerfulness that marked his career on the stage. A newspaper reporter who in

terviewed him a few weeks ago found him in his bed.

Sitting upright in bed, with his head thrown back and his eyes closed, Mr. Barnabee sang the rollicking song, "I'm the Sheriff of Nottingham," with much of his old-time zest; the deep sonorous tones echoing through the hospital.

Funeral services will be held here next Tuesday. Burial will be in Port

month, N. H. month, N. H.

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FACTORY OUTPUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND CIGARS DAILY. LARGEST SELLING BRAND OF 100 CIGARS IN THE WORLD. MANCHESTER, N. H.

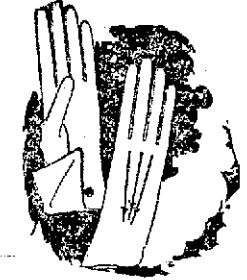
THE POPULAR PLACE

To Purchase Beautiful and Useful

Gifts For Men and Boys

TALBOT'S—The Progressive Store

Men like things best from a man's store, and with our greatly increased stock the ladies find this the place to buy and avoid the crowds—A great big stock of all fresh and new goods, moderately priced; makes this store headquarters and your Christmas shopping simple. A cordial invitation is extended to all to make our beautiful new store their headquarters.



GLOVES

25c to \$6.00

Always acceptable, we are fortunate in showing the most remarkable values in all styles.

Mochas, in tan and gray, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00

Lined Kids and Mochas.....\$1.00 to \$2.50

Wool Gloves and Mittens.....25c to \$1.00

For Lined Gloves, in tan.....\$6.00

HOSIERY

25c to \$1.00

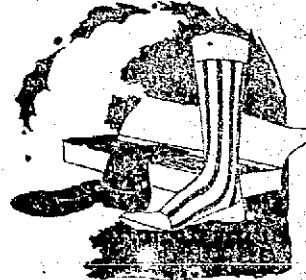
A practical Christmas gift for any man. Prices reasonable.

Men's Lisle Hose, all colors.....25c and 35c

Men's Silk Hose.....50c and \$1.00

Wool Hose.....25c, 35c and 60c

Cashmere Hose.....25c and 35c



Gift Suggestions



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Suspender

25c to \$1.00

Belts

25c to \$1.00

Boston Garters

25c and 50c

Sweaters

\$2.00 to \$10.00

Men's Fur Caps

\$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00

Soft Hats

\$2.00 to \$3.50

Derbies

\$2.50 and \$3.00

PRECINCT OFFICERS MAY NOT
GET MORE THAN \$8 A DAY—
THINK OF IT!

The precinct officers, who were on duty in the various polls of the city election day will not receive \$10 for their day's work as recommended by Commissioner Brown, but it may be that their pay will be increased from \$6 to \$7 or \$8.

A motion was passed at the last meeting of the council authorizing the commissioners of finance to pay the precinct officers \$10 for their last day's work, providing there was enough money in the election department fund, but after a tabulation of the figures, the city auditor found that it would be impossible to pay that amount, which would represent \$96, but there is enough money to increase the pay one or two dollars. Final action will be taken at tomorrow's meeting of the municipal council.

DEATHS

BASSON—Charles Basson, aged 33 years, died Saturday at the state infirmary in Tewksbury. He leaves one brother in Boston. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of the cemetery Amelie Amelie, Sons.

CARLIS—Blanche Carlis, child of Alfred and Rebecca Carlis, died Saturday night at the home of her parents, 615 Sutton street, aged 8 months and 2 days. Burial took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Joseph's cemetery, Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son in charge.

ROCK—George Rock, aged 1 month and 6 days, infant son of Simon and Philomena Rock, died Saturday night at the home of his parents, 212 Westford avenue. Burial took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Joseph's cemetery, Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son in charge.

CHAPMAN—Mrs. Abby Reed Chapman, wife of George Herbert Chapman, died yesterday at her home 7 Putnam avenue. She leaves, beside her husband, one son, George Herbert, Jr.

MCFLAIRD—Catherine McFarland died Saturday afternoon in St. John's hospital. She leaves her husband,

HOW I CAME TO BE A HOBBYHORSE

FIRST I WAS A TREE AND THEN A BIG LOG OF WOOD.



The man in the picture above is carving me out of wood.

Before I came to him I was nothing but a log of wood, cut from a tree. He sawed me up, shaping my legs and head and body. Then he nailed me together.

It took him longer to make my head than all the rest of me, poking holes for nostrils and eyes.

When I got to the age where you

see me in the picture I was about ready for the man who gives me my nice new coat of dapple gray and the lady who put my saddle and bridle on me.

The man who makes me doesn't do anything all year but carve out hobbyhorses like me for good little boys to ride.

(Continued tomorrow.)

Frederick McFarland, and one son, Thomas Daniels, the body was removed to the rooms of Undertakers C. H. Molloy & Sons.

GAVRIGAN—Hugh Gavriagan, a well known resident of Centralville, died on Saturday at the Lowell hospital. He leaves a wife, Elizabeth; one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Mason, and two grandchildren.

MARTIN—Baldina Martin, aged 2 years, 9 months, died Saturday night at the home of her parents, Manuel and Maria Martin, 38 Middle street.

CALMAN—Died at the home of his parents, T. Frank and Mary Calman, 180 Church street, William Calman, aged five months. Funeral notice later.

THIRERLIV—Cecile, aged one month, died today at the home of her parents, Donald and Bernadette Thirerlivi, 61 Chestnut street. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertakers C. B. Molloy Sons.

WOOD—William H. Wood, Jr., aged 14 years, one month, died this morning at St. John's Hospital. The body leaves beside his parents, William H. and Katherine McEvoy Wood, two brothers, Richard and Robert and one sister, Irene. The body was removed to the home of his parents, 212 Westford street, by Undertakers Higgins Brothers.

GAVAGHAN—Hugh Gavaghan, a well known resident of Centralville, died Saturday at the Lowell Corporation hospital. He leaves a wife, Elizabeth; one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Mason, and two grandchildren. The body was taken to the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

GEORGE F. H. ROGERS,
Dec. 6, 1917
His smiling face and kindly ways
Are pleasant to recall;
He had a loving word for each
And died beloved by all.
Twas for our flag he died, then let his

name
Be blazoned on our patriots' scroll of
fame.

A. C. M.

FUNERALS

FAYTON—The funeral services of Thomas Fayton took place at his home Billerica Centre yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. William L. Walsh, pastor of the Unitarian church of the former proceeded. The bearers were wife, Mrs. Harry W. Fayton, Clarence Bowman, Fred P. Fasho and William I. Fasho. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

MURPHY—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen J. Murphy took place this morning at 8 o'clock from her late home, 163 Chelmsford street and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The funeral cortège proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was said. Following the mass there were many large and beautiful tributes and spiritual offerings. The bearers were Eugene Robitaille, Jerome White, Charles R. Quinn and James Moilan. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Lynch, Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

MOTTS—The funeral services of John S. Motts were held at the rooms of Undertakers George W. Healey, 73 Branch street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Henry E. Bailey, pastor of the Highland M. E. church. The following named delegation represented Highland council, 876 Rox-

bury Street. The funeral services of Frank Dana, who died in Medfield, Mass., took place this morning on the platform of the \$40 o'clock train at the North Station. Interment was in the family lot at St. Patrick's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read at the grave by Rev. Fr. Mullin of St. Michael's

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CALMAN—The funeral of William James Calman, infant son of P. Frank Calman and Mary Regan Calman, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. from the undertaking rooms of William Bros., No. South street. Burial will take place in the family lot at St. Patrick's cemetery.

CHAPMAN—Died at her home, 15 Putnam avenue, Dec. 19, at 2 o'clock from her home, No. 15 Putnam avenue. Friends and without further notice.

FRANCIS A. STEVENS—Received a cablegram yesterday from her husband, Mr. Charles A. Stevens, in France, saying that Congresswoman John Jacob Rogers was with him. The cablegram was dated Saturday.

FRANK J. McCANN—Son of John McCann of 135 Aiken avenue, has enlisted as a drafter in the U. S. Aviation corps and left last Friday for Fort Slocum, N. Y. He is a graduate of the Lowell high school and Wentworth Institute, Boston.

MCFLAIRD—The funeral of Catherine McFarland will take place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the funeral parlors of C. H. Molloy Sons. High mass of requiem at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot at St. Patrick's cemetery. C. H. Molloy Sons in charge.

ARTHUR J. BRUNELLA—The funeral of Cecile Thibault will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the parlors of C. H. Molloy Sons, interment will be in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, C. H. Molloy Sons.

WOOD—The funeral of Wm. H. Wood will take place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his parents, William H. and Catherine McEvoy Wood, 212 Westford street. The funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral under the direction of Higgins Bros., undertakers.

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"PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE

To the Tournament of Roses Association, Pasadena, Cal., makes clear that he believes it would be a disastrous, a fatal mistake, to spread a pall of dejection and stagnation over the land because of the war. In other words, the President believes that the normal life of the country should be continued in every way possible. Moreover, the President's message indicates that he feels that Americans would not be manifesting the right kind of loyalty to the gallant boys under arms should the people at home go about in sackcloth and ashes, with long, dour faces. Were it done, it would react upon the boys at the front and in camps. It would depress and discourage them. Pessimism and gloom are infectious. So are cheerfulness and philosophic acceptance of a big burden and a dangerous duty. Note how the mother sends her boy away to war. She smiles encouragement to him through her tears. That enlivens him. Back of these boys should be a determined, an earnest, a loyal and appreciative, but without a smiling, active people. That will instill courage into the heart of the soldiers."—(From an editorial in a paper in Pasadena, Cal.)



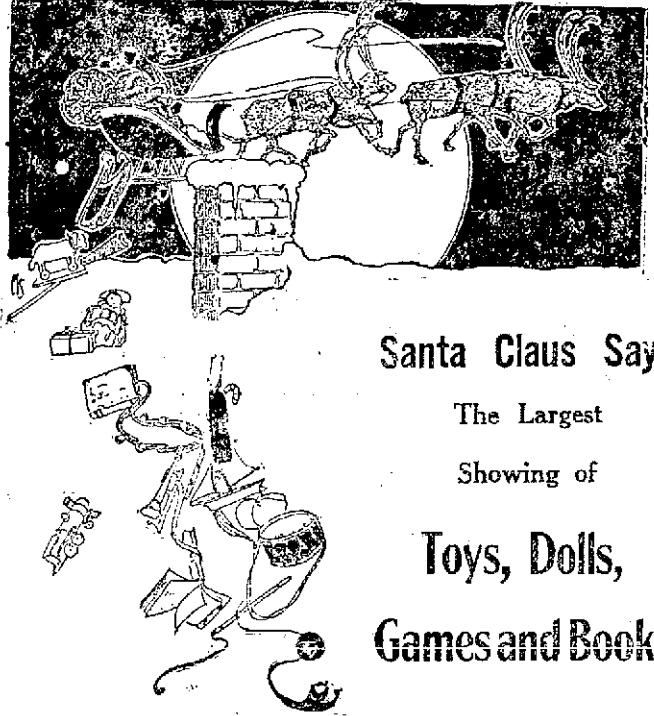
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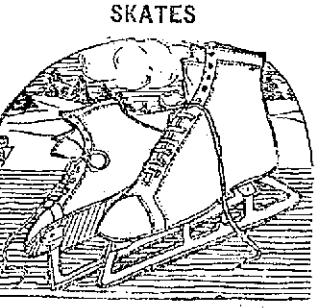
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People who already have Victrolas or other disc machines, should by all means come to Chalifoux's for their records. You can get a much better idea as to how they will sound if you hear them in our sound-proof rooms.

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Cut glass dish, several choice cuttings, dish with metal lining and preserved fern, plain fern, or with flowers, complete with footed metal rim, mirror plate; \$4.98 value, for.....\$3.95



A. G. Spalding & Bros. brand, Prices \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.10 and \$3.00 pair.

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We believe we have the largest assortment, the greatest variety, and the lowest prices to be found on this well known chin.

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Hand Decorated Vases, great variety; prices 25c up to \$2.49

Hand Painted Jelly Sets, hand some decorations, three pieces, 49c set

Hand Painted China Berry or Sauce Sets, seven pieces, Regular \$1.49 value.....98c

Hand Painted Japanese China Chocolate Sets, \$1.49 up to \$5.98

Hand Painted Japanese China Tea Sets, \$2.50 up to \$5.98 set

Men's Umbrellas for.....\$1.25 and \$1.50

Men's Union Silk Umbrellas, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Men's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00

Men's Sweaters for.....\$1.00 and \$1.50

Men's Shaker Knit Sweaters, \$5.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50

Men's Slip-on Sweaters (knit) for.....\$5.00 and \$6.00

Men's Scarf and Tie Sets for.....\$2.00

Men's Bull Dog Suspenders in fancy boxes for.....50c

Men's President Suspenders in fancy boxes for.....50c

Men's Cardigan Jackets for.....\$1.00

Men's Beach Coats for.....\$8.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50

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Men's Army Sweaters for.....\$6.00

Men's Army Set, Wool Scarf, Webs, Trousers and Toque, for.....\$4.00

Men's Jersey Coats for.....\$1.50 and \$2.00

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Men's Kid Gloves for.....\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Men's Mohair Gloves, \$2.00 and \$3.00

Men's Wool Gloves for.....\$1.00

Men's Squirrel Lined Gloves, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Men's Auto Gloves for.....\$1.00

Men's Wool Gloves for.....\$1.00

Men's Leather Mittens for.....\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

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PROBING THE WAR DEPARTMENT

It is to be hoped that this congressional investigation of the management of the war will not take on the appearance of an effort to expose defects and weaknesses. That would be criminal.

This is no time for cavilling criticism nor for raking up details of mistakes or blunders to be used in political campaigns hereafter.

The republicans in congress have tried hard to get a committee to control war expenditures. Such a committee would prove a stumbling block to the progress of the war, inasmuch as while the president is the responsible head and while he acts only after consultation with his cabinet, yet the action of the president and cabinet combined would be blocked and nullified by a committee on control of expenditures. The situation under such an arrangement would parallel that which would exist in England if the king exercised his prerogative to declare war and if parliament should refuse to vote the money necessary to carry on the war.

In order to conduct the war with the freedom which alone can bring success, it is necessary to give President Wilson a free hand and to avoid hampering him or the departments by the petty anti-fighting of officious congressmen.

The congressional committee of congress is within its functions in investigating the management of the war but it should not give foreigners any opportunity to learn our military secrets, to get an inside knowledge of our weak points in organization, training, equipment, or anything else.

It may be accepted as a certainty that if the merest hint of any weakness in our armor is made public, the information will go direct to Germany supplemented by much that is not public. The spies in this country can be relied upon for that. For this reason the committee on military affairs which is conducting the investigation should exercise judicious caution in allowing criticism of any military operation to be made public.

Already it appears that to a great extent the inquiry is conducted openly just as if nobody but ourselves paid any attention to the information elicited. But remember still "a (German) chisel's among us takin' notes," and if he does not print them, he will send them to the kaiser.

CHECK INFANT MORTALITY

With all the appeals that are being made for war purposes, some of our most urgent needs at home are being neglected. One of these is the imperative necessity of doing something to lower the high rate of infant mortality.

Out of 46 leading cities in this country, Lowell has the highest infant mortality in the last week's calculation. Of course, the rate fluctuates and some other city may lead in the next calculation, but the fact is clear from the average death rate among children under five years of age for several months, that the rate is abnormally high. Yet we hear of no epidemic and nothing unusual in the line of contagious diseases. The cause then must be sought elsewhere. It may lie in part in the ignorance of young mothers, the carelessness of others and the neglect of working mothers to see that their infant children get the proper care and feeding.

At present the scarcity of sugar is causing illness among the bottle-fed babies of Lowell. There should be some means by which the parents of young children shall have preference in the purchase of sugar when the supply is short in the stores. The city health authorities it seems, should be able to solve this problem.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

Again has Premier Lloyd George cleared away the murky air of pacifism and the fetid miasma of Lansdowne's slough of despond. He has shown that the defeat of Germany is the only thing that will save the empire and indeed the rest of the world from German domination; and he has shown also that Germany cannot be beaten without complete co-ordination of the allied forces on land and sea.

It is to be hoped that this new exposition of the situation by the premier will silence the pacifists, the pessimists and above all the Tory element that would apparently welcome a peace that would leave England at the mercy of the kaiser.

Where would England be today but for the safe guidance and courage of Lloyd George?

TINKHAM'S EXPLOITS

Congressman Tinkham has a keen eye for self advertising. His feat of flying the first gun against the Austrians may be taken as a promise of American aid to come, but incidentally it will give Mr. Tinkham a little advertising with his constituents. His escapade in being cast from a mountain pass over a precipice in an auto should count for much among the home folks.

Our townsmen, Hon. John Jacob Rogers, is not making much noise in Europe but we venture to predict that he will return with a budget of information that will be of real benefit to the government.

REVERSING OUR POLICY

We are reversing our policy in regard to the trusts. The Webb bill to

heels. Bravo, Cuba! Now send along your army.

LIGHTLESS NIGHTS

Lightless nights may be ordered by the fuel administration. This would result in the shutting down of our White Way. We would miss it, of course, but if the exigencies of the war require that we shall get along without it then we will do so cheerfully. For the present, however, the White Way is secure.

LOOKING BOTH WAYS

Bulgaria declares her friendship for the United States, although still the loyal ally of Germany, paradoxical as it may seem.

It was seven years ago today that Dorothy Arnold disappeared, leaving behind her a mystery that has never been solved. Her father, Francis R. Arnold, an importer of perfumes, has spent a fortune searching for her. Hundreds of "clues" have been worked over without result. She was 25 and a graduate of Bryn Mawr college.—Holyoke Transcript.

COAL FAMINE

That a coal famine will strike some New England industries appears to be quite probable at the present time. Therefore, economy is essential and the war industries have first claim. Nevertheless a munition plant has been closed at Baltimore as a result of a lack of coal.

PAID REVOLUTIONISTS

It now comes out that conspirators asked Bernstein for \$20,000,000 to foment a rebellion in India. Some of these professional revolutionists have made easy money by stirring up rebellions in India, Ireland, Mexico, Finland and other parts of Russia. All for the benefit of Germany.

CUBA IS WITH US

Plucky little Cuba shows her loyalty to the United States by following our lead in declaring war. If we should declare war on the king of the Cannibal Islands, Cuba would follow at our

Why Are You Gray?

Why look older than you feel? Now that so many thousands have proved that Q-ban Hair Color Restorer brings a uniform, dark, lustrous shade to gray or faded hair—you really ought to try Q-ban.

Ready to use—guaranteed harmless—75¢ for a large bottle—money back if not satisfied. Sold by Louis K. Liggett & Co., and all good drug stores. Delightfully beautifying. Try Q-ban Hair Tonic; Liquid Shampoo; Soap. Also Q-ban Depilatory (for superfluous hair.)

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If you want to buy, sell or exchange anything try a Sun want ad.

Let us give thanks for ability, for work, for our friends—and say nothing about our ability to work our friends.

With Strikers on Parade

A little girl and her mother walking along Broadway, New York, met a group of striking Childs' restaurant employees parading up and down, their rats and coat sleeves decorated with large pasteboard signs. The little girl gazed at them in amazement.

"What's the matter with these men, mamma?" she asked shrilly. "Nothing, dear. They've stopped working and they want everybody to know it."

"And what does it say on those signs, mamma?"

"Former Childs' employees," read the mother.

The little girl was puzzled.

"Well, but, mamma," she piped, "why are they so awful proud of it?"

Won the Cigars

The subject of rifle shooting often crops up at one of the meetings of the

"I'll bet anyone here a box of cigars," said Lieut. A. "that I can fire 20 shots at 200 yards and tell without waiting for the marker the result of each one correctly."

"Done!" said Major B. And the whole

mass turned out early the next morn-

ing to witness the experiment.

The lieutenant fired.

"Miss!" he announced calmly.

"Another shot," he repeated.

A third shot.

"Miss!"

"Here, hold on," put in Major B. "What are you trying to do? You're not firing for the target."

"Of course not," he cool re-

sponse. "I'm firing for those cigars!"

And he got them.

Poets in Olive Drab

Until edged out of print by more im-

portant subjects, like changing the

map of Europe and the doomsday of

the Petrogrod palace, the authorship

of Shakespeare's plays was a constant

source of interest to those who like a

rasher of Bacon with their literature.

There appeared only one claimant for

Shakespeare's stuff, however, hence the

small "controversy" is mere "small

stuff" compared with the puzzle that is

now writhing the foreheads of

the chaps who pass judgment

on newspaper copy.

Out of the flood of publicity which

followed the declaration of war and

the draft there came on the top a

four-reel "feature poem" entitled "Only

A Volunteer," that appears to have

creeped right through the skins of the

poets in olive drab.

When they ask me to be careful I re-

fuse to any fettors on my tongue.

When they ask me to be careful I re-

fuse to any fettors on my tongue.

While I've got a mouth to shout with

and a lung."

But a satiric editor who heard him

called the pacifist a traitor and a

slab.

Whereupon the speaker claimed that

he had stirred him.

And he put the libel statue on the

job.

For he found the free speech license he

had wanted.

Wasn't pleased when it turned

against himself.

When somebody else abused him, why,

he wanted

To have all his injured feelings

healed with pelf.

For it wasn't really free speech he de-

manded.

But the right to howl at everyone

with vim.

While he bellowed out for justice,

heavy handed.

When some other person howled a

bit at him!

Bertor Braley.

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FORMER N. Y. GIRL AIDS WAR RELIEF

Lady Arthur Paget who, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Stevens of



LADY ARTHUR PAGET.
New York, is one of the many American women in England who are leading in war relief work.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Continued

candles will be placed behind Red Cross service flags in every home. Workers will carol through the streets and church bells will chime.

Red Cross service flags and buttons will be distributed.

Theodore N. Vail, head of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York, chairman of the patriotic membership campaign committee. He is assisted by many noted Americans including Cardinal Gibbons, Dr. Henry van Dyke, Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard.

The membership fee is \$1. For an added dollar the Red Cross magazine is secured.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Lowell's campaign for members for the local chapter of the Red Cross society opened this morning bright and early and although official reports are not to be made until this evening, indications point to a healthy increase in the society's membership as a result of the active campaigning.

The workers reported that the response to requests for new members was very encouraging and that there was abundant enthusiasm among those people whom they approached.

In order to facilitate the work of the campaigners much of the literature and supplies connected with the campaign which had been in Memorial hall was now moved to the rooms of the Morris Plan Co. in Shattuck street. This is considered much more convenient and will undoubtedly enable the workers to keep a supply of necessary literature and other materials constantly on hand.

The first reports of the campaign will be made tonight at Memorial hall. The workers are asked to get in their reports by 6:30 if possible as the meeting is to be wholly informal and as soon as a worker makes his report, he will be at liberty to go. Those who will be unable to get in at 5:30 will find the door open until 7:30, but it is hoped to get the largest part of the report in within an hour. The committee desires as complete a report as possible for the first day in order that it may be seen just how things are running.

In every church of Lowell yesterday night was given of the stars of the Red Cross. In the various congregations were urged to aid the drive as much as possible.

The town of Chelmsford had a little preliminary campaign on Saturday and as a result a lot of new members were secured even before the campaign had officially opened. Justin L. Moore, campaign manager for the town, got 23 teams of high school pupils working and their reports were more than encouraging.

Supt. Redmond Welch of the police department addressed the various shifts yesterday in the interest of the campaign and stated that he hoped to make the campaign 100 per cent successful in the department.

Persons who do not become new members and who do not wish to wait until the workers get around to them may "sign up" at the war work headquarters in Merrimack street, at the Morris Plan Co. in Shattuck street, or may telephone to the Boy Scout headquarters and a scout will be sent anywhere in the city to arrange matters.

Red Cross Enlistments

More than fifty new members have been signed up for the Red Cross society for 1918 through the local war work headquarters. As soon as it became known last week that a campaign was to be conducted in Lowell this week the war headquarters people immediately got busy and opened a "recruiting" office.

Mr. L. E. Field and Miss Ethel M. Brown were assigned the duty of looking after embryo members and as a result of their efforts half a hundred were signed up before the campaign had officially opened. The war work headquarters is centrally located and persons who wish to become members of the Red Cross will find it very convenient to enlist there.

Police Are Patriotic

Did you notice the Red Cross buttons on the collars of the overcoats of the

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears
the
Signature of

members of the police department? Every patrolman, officer and in fact, all employees of the department have joined the American Red Cross Christmas membership campaign and within a short time the 100 per cent membership banner will be hung in the guard room at the police station.

The subscription is \$1 per year and every member of the department has pledged himself to donate this sum every year until the end of the war and also to wear the button until the expiration of the war.

THE RED CROSS CANTEEN AND THE PLACE IT FILLS IN SOLDIER'S LIFE

Squads of soldiers are filing to the first line trenches, or, just relieved there, are returning to the rear. Just back of the second line they pause.

"Um-h-h," sniffs one, quickening to a dog trot.

"Um-h-h" choruses the others, rushing after the leader, elbowing each other for premiership.

They dash up to a Red Cross field canteen—one of which is assigned to each army corps of the French and American army—and clamor like hungry boys.

"Coffee," calls one, "Bullion for mine," says another, forgetting the French accent on which he has labored so diligently. Or maybe it is "Ten" or "Cocaine," "Lemonade." Anyhow, it is not drink, it is good, and it goes to the right spot.

Farther back, at a railway junction point is a more pretentious Red Cross canteen, as spotless as a perfect restaurant. Behind a porcelain counter stand a row of Red Cross women, dishing out soup or coffee into the bowls handed over by the waiting files of soldiers.

The procession moves along with marvelous celerity, those served to eat or drink their food in a big waiting room, those to be served filling their places.

Those who have money pay three cents for a bowl of hot nourishing soup; those who haven't the whereabouts will go on free. For 13 cents one "banquet" on soup, roast beef, salad, cheese, pudding and coffee. The overhead expense is borne by the Red Cross.

There are abundant wash basins and showers behind the door; and over clean and comfortable cots lie 1,000 men, in case of long delays for transport.

This is one phase of Red Cross service for which the Red Cross is enlisting hundreds of American women. They are not nurses. They are strong, patriotic American women, able to cook and serve. "They also serve."

Among the New England women in America's quota now are some enlisted for this special work are Mrs. Mary Stickney Lawrence of Rutland, daughter of one noted Vermont attorney and widow of another, and Miss Grace Nichols of Boston.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR THE SOLDIER BOYS "OVER THERE"

Can you imagine Christmas day in France, with some of our soldiers opening Christmas boxes prepared by loving hands at home and sent to them with a Christmas greeting, while perhaps other soldiers remain unrepresented?

Nothing of the sort is going to happen. Through the general knowledge of various Red Cross chapters and through the efficient organization of the Red Cross transport and motor distribution service, every soldier in the American army abroad will receive a Christmas box. These boxes will be standardized as far as their contents. The greatest suggestion is that they should contain some form of a game such as a checker board, a quantity of cigars, pipe, tobacco, or cigarettes, a package of candy and some chewing gum.

The character of the contents was left to the ingenuity and good will of the various chapters. Each box represents a value of approximately \$1.00. It is not the value of the thing that counts, however. It is the fact itself. It is the idea that the American Red Cross thinks of all our soldiers and sailors rather than of any individual soldier or sailor, and that its box with the sentiment "Merry Christmas" on the cover, contains a greeting to the heart of all the United States to all its fighting men in other lands.

New York Campaign

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A campaign to add half a million members to the Red Cross in New York by Christmas has begun here today. Thirty thousand volunteers have been had charge of the drive, 10,000 of whom started a house to house canvass. Hundreds of booths, in charge of women were opened in every section of the greater city.

FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A call for the national foreign trade convention to be held at Cincinnati on Feb. 7, 8 and 9 was issued today by James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation and chairman of the foreign trade council. "The part of foreign trade in winning the war" will be the general theme of the convention.

LIGHTLESS NIGHTS

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 17.—Thos. W. Russell, Connecticut coal administrator today designated Sundays and Thursdays as "lightless nights" outdoors. He requests that household lighting be kept to the lowest point possible.

LOCAL POLICE GIVE CLUE THAT LEADS TO ARREST OF ALLEGED EMBEZZLER

A Eugene Wood, formerly employed at the Metropolitan Trust Co. in Boston and apprehended by the police in San Francisco, California, Saturday, was arrested on a clue given by the local police and this morning Supt. Welch of the local police department received a letter from Supt. Michael H. Crowley of Boston, thanking the former for the tip given which led to Wood's arrest.

Wood, a former bookkeeper at the Federal Trust Co. were wanted for the embezzlement of \$1,540 last May. According to what could be learned by the police the pair after securing the money made a get-away and went to San Francisco.

Sgt. David Petrie, of the local police learned that Wood was living in the west under an assumed name and he reported the matter to Supt. Welch and the latter in turn communicated with Supt. Crowley of Boston and as a result Wood was arrested at San Saito, Calif., a suburb of San Francisco.

DETECTION OF METAL IN WOUNDS BY MEANS OF NEW TELEPHONIC DEVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Detection of metal in wounds by means of a new telephonic device is described in despatches to the department of commerce. The instrument is moved over the body of the patient and emits a humming noise when over a shrapnel ball or shell splinter and is further used in guiding a probe toward the hidden metal. Whether the metal is magnetic or not can be withdrawn by an electro-magnet without the use of an instrument.

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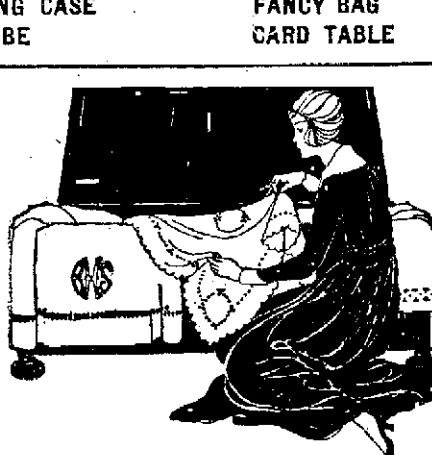
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Fifteen pieces (15 pces.) full bleach, 68 inches wide, very choice patterns, made on looms formerly used in the manufacture of linen; worth \$1.50. Special price \$80.00

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Fifty of them, but only three patterns. Chrysanthemum, Rose and Passion Flower. Round designs. 68x68, Scotch make and full bleach; worth \$5.00. Special price \$3.75

Fifty Pattern Cloths, size 72x72 inches, suitable for round or square tables, Irish manufacture and glass bleach. Special price \$4.50 Each

Napkins to match \$4.50 Dozen

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Huck Towels, foreign in appearance, fine quality, size 18x34 inches, full hemstitch, beautiful finish, 65 per cent linen. Special price \$2.50

Another lot made by the same manufacturer, with Jacquard borders and some with monogram spaces. Special price \$3.00

The finest Huck Towel made in America, extra large size, plain and Grecian borders, monogram spaces. Special price \$6.00

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One hundred dozen (100 doz.) Bath Towels, full bleach, extra large size, double thread warp and filling; worth \$3.00. Special price 25c Each

Fancy Bath Towels, suitable for combing jackets, in blue, pink, gold and lavender, from \$2.50 to \$0.98

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Hand Towels, foreign in appearance, fine quality, size 18x34 inches, full hemstitch, beautiful finish, 65 per cent linen. Special price \$2.50

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The finest Hand Towel made in America, extra large size, plain and Grecian borders, monogram spaces. Special

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Mrs. William Delderfield, of 23 Arthur street, has received the following letter from her son, Corp. John Delderfield, who is now in France with Co. A of the military police:

Nov. 25, 1917.

Dear Mother and Father—Just a few lines to let you know I am fine and that everything is O. K. I am going to start in by asking you to do me a favor. Will you please send me some stockings and a copy of The Lowell Sun since I have none? I would like to read the Lowell news.

Jimmy told me to send you his best regards. I have received only one letter from you since I left the United States. Did you get my last letter? I haven't much more to say now, but I am sorry that I will not be with you on Thanksgiving day and the like. But never mind, I will soon be home. Now, I hope you have a good time Thanksgiving day and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

With love from your son, John.

Private Leonard Shaw

Private Leonard Shaw of Battery F sends the following letter to a friend in this city from somewhere in France:

Dear Jim: Just a few lines to let you know that I have got a letter from you. Your letter was the first one I received since leaving Boxford and, believe me, I was glad to get it and hear from someone in the good old Lowell. I will be out there all right, I hope, in the shop. How are all the others? I mean those who worked there when I did.

How are all the girls in the shop? Tell them I was asking for them and that I would like to hear from them. Give them my address and have them write. We got lots of newspapers over here, from all over, and we know about a great many things that happen back there.

Well, Jim, I suppose you would like to hear about ourselves and friends. We start with all the facts, including names and addresses and like over here all right. If you want to see us, we have on the job ever since we left the states. We have a lot of horses now and, believe me, Jim, the few we have now are more horses than there are in a battery. Every one of the horses was an green as grass when we first got them so you can see that we had some time breaking them. The fellows certainly earn their pay now and the horses are not one wild west show in the United States that has anything on us. If we ever get back to the states we'll open the eyes of the people in Lowell when they see us with our horses and guns. I am a driver and we were out with the men most of the time. I am back now and the men are all right. We got the mail. It makes a fellow feel good to get mail from home. I was eating my dinner when the fellows told me that there was a letter for me. I didn't wait a second; I left my dinner and got the letter. Guess you are glad to know we are doing well in Lowell!

It's night now, Jim, and I have to go back to drill this afternoon so I didn't have time to write until now. It is a nice place over here and it is warm, too. The boys are drilling hard, but they don't mind it. You would not think that we were the same fellow we left Lowell to see them now.

I guess the people in the states never think of us fellows over here now. Well, never mind, we are kids now; we have bigger things to think of. We are doing our best so we don't care what the others think of us. But we think of our friends now and then and would be glad to hear from them. So I wish to tell all the folks in the shop whom

DRAFTED MEN IN TOWNS FILLING QUESTIONNAIRES

Advice for the answering questionnaires to registrants for the towns of Methuen, Dracut, Tewksbury, Chelmsford, Tyngsboro and Duxbury, which comprise division 19, will be given by the members of the legal advisory board on the following places and at the following places:

Lawrence court house, each day from 12 m. to 8 p. m.

Methuen town hall, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. and 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Town hall, Chelmsford, Mondays and Fridays from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Town hall, Tyngsboro, Mondays from 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. and Saturdays from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Town hall, Tewksbury, Tuesdays from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Councilmanic chamber, city hall, Lowell, each day from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Town office, Dracut Centre, Friday, Dec. 21, from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Hose house, Navy Yard, Dracut Thursday, Dec. 20, from 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m.

State infirmary, Tewksbury, Friday, Dec. 21, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Princess Lodge, L.O.L. was held in Odd Fellows hall Saturday night. Mary V. Reid presided and considerable routine business was transacted during the meeting after which the following officers were installed by installing Deputy Mistress Anna Budd and staff of Chelsea: Worthy mistress, Mary V. Reid; deputy mistress, M. Dutney; chaplain, Mae Blackstock; recording secretary, Mae Morrison; financial secretary, Grace Robinson; treasurer, Mrs. Blakeley; first aidress, Mrs. Berrett; second aidress, Mrs. Mason; inside guard, A. Huislander and outside guard, E. Exanson.

Following the election remarks were made by several members and refreshments were served.

IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS

The regular meeting and election of officers of the Irish National Foresters was held yesterday. There was a large attendance of members. Chief Ranger P. Sexton presiding. Two new members were initiated and considerable routine business was transacted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Chief ranger, Joseph Hanley; sub chief ranger, Michael Robinson; treasurer, James W. Moran; financial secretary, Thomas Nevin; assistant secretary, Daniel Healy; senior woodward, Patrick Tunney; junior woodward, John Martin; senior beadle, Michael Nugent; junior beadle, Hugh McGowan; trustee, John Kenny, and physician, James J. Cassidy. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

JOHN BENDZIEWICZ MISSING

John Bendziewicz, aged 24 years, who was recently released from the McLean hospital at Waverley, Mass., has been missing from his home, 12 Bent's court, according to a report received by the police. It is said that the man is suffering from a disease.

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for from a mental trouble. His relatives are much concerned over his disappearance. When last seen he wore a black overcoat, belted in the back and a black and white checked cap.

PROMOTIONS FROM THE RANKS IN U. S. ARMY

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Every enlisted man in the American army may carry the stars of a general in his knapsack. Orders just issued by Gen. Pershing provide for promotion from the ranks. Any private may win a commission and climb rapidly.

A section of the general orders says that here after all temporary appointments and promotions on the American expeditionary force will be on a selective plan, as in the British army. Recommendations for appointment and promotion will be based entirely on the distinguished fitness and capacity of the man. The system of temporary appointments is one which the American army has not had previously.

Under it a first lieutenant who has demonstrated special qualities and fitness may find himself a temporary captain or even a temporary major. The British had that position, the new rank proved himself worthy of the new rank and the appointment may be made permanent. The British have found this method excellent and by it have secured a great number of efficient officers.

It is announced also that regular reports on the fitness of all officers of all ranks will be made for guidance in transfer and promotion, thus making sure that the soldiers are under competent leaders.

All non-commissioned officers are eligible for a school which is being established at a large training center for the instruction of candidates for commissions. Privates who desire to become officers must first demonstrate their efficiency by earning appointment as non-commissioned officers.

When candidates attending the training school have been found to be proficient they will be assigned to vacancies as second lieutenants of replacement divisions. Thence they will go to fill vacancies occasioned by casualties and other causes in combat units. There will be no limit to the number of second lieutenants in the replacement divisions. On the contrary it is recommended that there be at least three times as many in a given organization as in a corresponding combat division.

Within the combat units vacancies will be filled in this manner and two-thirds by promotion within the combat unit itself.

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Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock a turkey dinner will be served the soldiers by a special committee appointed by the organization. Small gifts will also be given the soldiers.

Arrangements are now being made for a social party to be conducted Dec. 31 by the K. of C. Knitting guild for the benefit of the soldiers and the affair promises to be a success.

The members of the K. of C. guild met yesterday afternoon and discussed plans for the annual contribution of money and goods for the army ones during the Christmas season. The members of the guild and the chaplain, Rev. J. J. Lynch of St. Michael's church, are working hard to make this year's event a banner one in the history of the organization.

BOY SCOUT CONCERT BY MEMBERS OF TROOP 26

A most enjoyable concert was given last evening in Sacred Heart hall, East Pine street, by the members of Troop 26, Boy Scouts of Notre Dame de Lourdes' parish, the event being given for the benefit of the troop under the direction of the scoutmaster, Rev. Joseph Denis, O.M.I. The attendance was large, the program was very pleasing and the receipts of the evening were very substantial.

The program consisted of a playlet entitled "L'Orphelin Retrouve," presented by W. St. Pierre, R. Renaud, A. Lorranger and A. Pinard, and "Le Roi du Desert," by A. Sancier, E. Crevier, J. Lorranger, R. Lorette, J. Lorranger and E. Malo, as well as the following numbers: "Whistling John" and "All the World Will Be Jenkins of Me," by the comedians, a military song, "Hardy, les Garçons," by a group of scouts, and solos: solo by Charles St. Amant, "J'adore l'Arc" and "Love Dreams," by the orchestra; "Le Petit Crucifix," by the orchestra; "La Marseillaise," "En Avant Soldats," and "Les Volontaires Canadiens," chorus by the scouts; awarding of medals to the scouts and the singing of "America."

The orchestra was composed of Mrs. Atme Allain, pianist; Aime Allain, choir master of Notre Dame, as first violin; William Billeaud and Raymond Hamel, second and third violins; Romeo Léveillé, cornet, and Philip Malle, drum.

Oil Stove Responsible for Lively Blaze in Lombard Street

A lively blaze broke out in the two-apartment house at 15 Lombard street, owned by John H. Barry, about 8:15 o'clock last night. The fire was caused by a portable oil stove, communicating flames to a window curtain, the blaze spreading rapidly to articles of furniture in the room. A telephone alarm was sent to the central fire station and this was followed by a bell alarm from box 127. The damage is estimated at about \$200.

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What Has the American Red Cross Done With Its Money in Lowell and the Towns of Middlesex County?

Today You Are Being Asked to Join the Red Cross and Pay a Dollar, and You Wish to Know the Facts About What Is Going On. You Have a Right to Know. Then Read This.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAPTER of the American Red Cross has been steadily at work for more than three years. It began in a small way and with few members. It turned out a small amount of product. It helped the Red Cross do its work with the armies of all nations. It saved many a good man's life in Europe, on the Mexican border and elsewhere.

Then the United States Entered the War

IMMEDIATELY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS and its chapters all over the country set to work to meet the emergency. More money and more workers were needed and obtained.

IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY a big fund was raised last June. Of that fund the county headquarters in Lowell has received as its share \$38,820. It sent out to the branches in the towns \$9500 as their portion. It retained in Lowell for use here as the central headquarters and for the Lowell workers \$27,320.

NO RENT IS PAID for the use of the entire mill of the Bigelow-Hartford plant, the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. donating the space. And this arrangement is continued by the United States Cartridge Co., the new lessees of the big plant.

NO SALARIES ARE PAID. The only employees under pay are one stenographer and a woman to clean the workrooms. Hundreds of women and men are giving their time and their labor.

\$2000 A YEAR IS ALL that is spent for wages, telephone and telegrams, printing, stationery and postage, membership pins, instruction literature, etc., and this is paid from the ordinary membership receipts. It does not come out of the big fund.

\$24,856 HAS BEEN EXPENDED FOR MATERIALS since July 1. Perhaps \$2000 worth of these are still on hand to be fabricated into finished product.

The Production Has Tremendously Increased

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR SHOW WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING.

The Year Ending November 1, 1917

Surgical Dressings	82,546
Bandages	27,695
Cloth Garments	5,707
Knitted Articles	7,583
Totals	123,531

*To December 12.

November-December, 1917

Surgical Dressings	70,949
Bandages	11,282
Cloth Garments	1,808
Knitted Articles	6,426
Totals	90,465

For the purpose of closer knit organization this chapter has now been reduced in size, eliminating the more distant sections of the county. From now on the south and east ends of the county will not report here. Yet the Lowell totals will grow.

OF THE GREAT FUND RAISED last June about \$6000 is still available for the Red Cross workroom efforts. Some of the money sent to the towns has come back in payment for supplies taken from headquarters.

\$1000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE to give immediate relief to families and dependents of soldiers and sailors. This is a small sum but it is simply to piece out the Federal and State aid where necessity arises.

BRITISH RELIEF IS ALSO PAID by the American Red Cross for dependents of British soldiers and sailors, but this expenditure is collected back.

THE RED CROSS CANTEEN at 119 Merrimack street is financed separately from Red Cross funds. The food is donated and small expense paid by other means than drawing on the Red Cross treasury. It is conducted by a committee from the Red Cross.

THE PEOPLE LIKE TO SEE THEIR DOLLARS COUNT WHEN THEY GIVE THEM. YOURS HAS DONE A PART OF THE WORK HERE. BUT THE WORK HAS NOT ENDED.

IT MUST CONTINUE UNABATED

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS THE CONCENTRATED EFFORT OF A NATION TO HELP ITS ARMED FORCES IN TRAINING AND IN THE FIELD.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE 1918 WORK? DO YOU APPROVE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND ITS WORK?

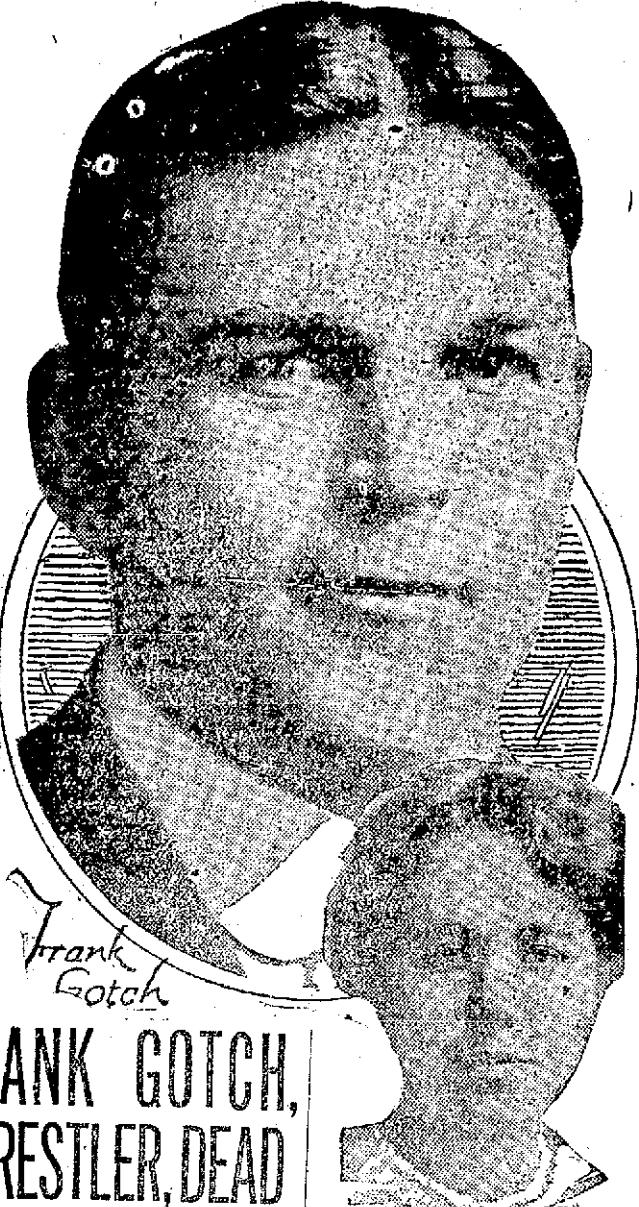
No One Is Too Busy to Join the Red Cross IT COSTS ONE DOLLAR

YOU CAN JOIN TODAY THROUGH YOUR INDUSTRY, YOUR OFFICE, YOUR STORE, YOUR TRADE, YOUR PROFESSION, OR AT YOUR HOME.

Special Membership Booths at War Work Headquarters, 119 Merrimack Street.

If the war should end today would it catch you without having lifted your finger to help the cause? Not if you have been a member of the Red Cross.

<img alt="Advertisement for Dr. McKnight, Dentist, featuring a large image of a tooth and a price of \$5.00 for a set of teeth. Text includes 'The One-Price DENTIST', 'POSITIVELY NO RAISING OF PRICES', 'None Better Made Elsewhere. No Matter What You Pay. NO FIT—NO PAY', '22K GOLD CROWNS AND BRIDGE WORK \$4.00', 'AN UNPARALLELED OFFER—Wear one of my sets of teeth for ten days, and if at the end of that time you are not satisfied with them return them to me and I will REFUND YOUR MONEY IN FULL.', '175 CENTRAL STREET, BRADLEY BLDG. OPPOSITE APPLETON NATIONAL BANK. TEL. 4020. Hours—9 A. M. to 8 P. M. Open until 8 P. M.



FRANK GOTCH, WRESTLER, DEAD

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 17.—Frank Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, died at noon yesterday at his home, Humboldt, Iowa, of arsenic poisoning. He had been in failing health for two years.

Gotch is 41 years old. The record books detail the events of his life give his age as 39 years, but these are inaccurate. He was born April 26, 1876, on a farm three miles south of Humboldt.

The first intimation that his health was not perfect was in the summer of 1916, when he was making a tour of the country with a circus, wrestling with Big Morgan, Paul Gendron and others. It was only a month before he was compelled to return to his home because of stomach trouble. He never regained his health fully.

Gotch built up a fortune in wrestling and invested his earnings in Iowa farms. His estate is variously estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000, all of which represents money made through his ability as a wrestler.

Gotch won the championship Jan. 27, 1904, from Tom Jenkins, after one of the roughest matches ever seen in this country. The bout was staged at Bellinger's Wash. Gotch won the first fall and was awarded the second after Jenkins had fouled him repeatedly by applying the strangle-hold and by striking him.

Four years later he won the undisputed championship of the world by defeating George Hackenschmidt, "the German Horn," at the Dexter park pavilion, Chicago, in a well-fought match after two hours of grueling wrestling. There was no fall in the match, but the invader quit exhausted.

Wrestling enthusiasts called it the greatest mat spectacle of history. Gotch lost nine pounds before his opponent was beaten and his tongue was so badly swollen that it was a week before he could speak plainly. He wrestled Hackenschmidt in the White Sox ball park in Chicago again in 1911, winning in short order. After the match it was made known that Gotch's opponent had entered the contest with a badly sprained knee.

It was in this match with Hackenschmidt that Gotch, introduced and seconded the toe-hold, against which no man was ever able to stand. The hold caused great anguish to the opponent and soon made the strongest of them quit.

The only man who ever publicly threw the champion was Fred Ecell of Marshfield, Wis., who in 1905, in New Orleans, took the first fall to Gotch's second and third in a three-fall match. Gotch later won from Ecell with little effort.

The champion's wrestling weight was 165 pounds, but in the last year he had

lost weight until he tipped the scales at less than 130. Gotch and James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight boxing champion, were the best friends and before Jeffries lost his life to Jack Johnson the two champions toured the country, meeting with great receptions everywhere.

Gotch is survived by his wife and a four-year-old son.

LOWELL DEFEATED BY PROVIDENCE TEAM

After defeating the scrappy Taunton team at the Rollaway rink on Saturday afternoon, in a hard-fought game by the score of 9 to 6, the Lowell team rushed to the depot and boarded a train for Providence. The Lowell men had but 20 minutes to change and get to the station, consequently being unable to get food or refreshments. Upon their arrival at Providence they had no time to stop at restaurants and went into the game Saturday night in a rather weakened condition. The strenuous game of the afternoon, the ride, and the failure to eat told on the players. Providence, to the limit, the old punch usually characteristic of locals was lacking, and they were forced to give to the Providence team by the score of 7 to 1.

The afternoon game was reported in the last edition of the Sun on Saturday. It was an exciting set-up, despite the fact that Lowell piled up a big lead in the first period. The brilliant playing of Hartling was the feature. In the evening game with Providence, the Lowell team gave their opponents a hard time, but Providence met up with their best game of the season in another reason for Lowell's defeat. The report from Providence on Saturday night's game is as follows:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—In the last battle of the year, Providence defeated Lowell, 7 to 1. The locals played for the best polo they have shown here this year, completely bottling up the visitors who were saved an even worse beating by the great work of Purcell in the goal. The lineup:

Providence Lowell
Alexander, Jr. Oldham
Kehoe, 2r. Harkins
Nurfield, 6. Griffith
Suzermon, hb. Purcell
Score: Providence 7, Lowell 1.
Stops: Pence 42, Purcell 37.
Referee: Graham; timer, Perrin.

Polo Notes

Tomorrow night, Worcester and Lowell will clash at the Rollaway rink. The last time Worcester was here, the team led by the famous "Ligger" Higgins had a slight lead on Lowell in the league standing and a victory for Lowell put us on top. The present team has shown that Worcester has the advantage, but a win for Lowell will again place the team out in front. The locals always play their best in the picnics, and needless to say they will go into the cage tomorrow night determined to win and go into the lead.

The famous Higgins, when last here, was just recovering from the effects of a collision with Griffith of Lowell the week before, and was not in his best form. He has now fully recovered and avers that he will lead his team to victory.

Dufresne, captain of the Taunton team, is a good player and a hard worker.

Coal Field Purcell is coming along like a flash, and his fine blocking is proving a great help to the local team. He's in the game all the time. He always has an eye on the ball. A feature of his game is the manner in which he kicks the ball out of danger after making the stop.

Saturday afternoon was "Ladies' Day" at the Rollaway, and a large number of the fair sex attended. The girls were very enthusiastic and rooted for the home team throughout the entire game.

Referee Fitzgerald made his first appearance here Saturday, and his work was very satisfactory to all.

KITTREDGE MINOR LEAGUE

Worcester 101.10, Lowell 98.16, Portland 97.15, Portland 96.15, Portland 95.14, Portland 94.14, Portland 93.16, Portland 92.15, Portland 91.15, Portland 90.15, Portland 89.15, Portland 88.15, Portland 87.15, Portland 86.15, Portland 85.15, Portland 84.15, Portland 83.15, Portland 82.15, Portland 81.15, Portland 80.15, Portland 79.15, Portland 78.15, Portland 77.15, Portland 76.15, Portland 75.15, Portland 74.15, Portland 73.15, Portland 72.15, Portland 71.15, Portland 70.15, Portland 69.15, Portland 68.15, Portland 67.15, Portland 66.15, Portland 65.15, Portland 64.15, Portland 63.15, Portland 62.15, Portland 61.15, Portland 60.15, Portland 59.15, Portland 58.15, Portland 57.15, Portland 56.15, Portland 55.15, Portland 54.15, Portland 53.15, Portland 52.15, Portland 51.15, Portland 50.15, Portland 49.15, Portland 48.15, Portland 47.15, Portland 46.15, Portland 45.15, Portland 44.15, Portland 43.15, Portland 42.15, Portland 41.15, Portland 40.15, Portland 39.15, Portland 38.15, Portland 37.15, Portland 36.15, Portland 35.15, Portland 34.15, Portland 33.15, Portland 32.15, Portland 31.15, Portland 30.15, Portland 29.15, Portland 28.15, Portland 27.15, Portland 26.15, Portland 25.15, Portland 24.15, Portland 23.15, Portland 22.15, Portland 21.15, Portland 20.15, Portland 19.15, Portland 18.15, Portland 17.15, Portland 16.15, Portland 15.15, Portland 14.15, Portland 13.15, Portland 12.15, Portland 11.15, Portland 10.15, Portland 9.15, Portland 8.15, Portland 7.15, Portland 6.15, Portland 5.15, Portland 4.15, Portland 3.15, Portland 2.15, Portland 1.15, Portland 0.15.

Individual averages: Pope 101.10,

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully, the, and represents Susan W. Howe, of Lowell, said County, that she was lawfully married to James L. Port, now of Wiscasset, Maine, at said Pepperell on the 29th day of July, A. D. 1896, and thereafterwards your libellant and the plaintiff in this libel, as husband and wife, in this Commonwealth, to wit, at said Pepperell, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said James L. Port, being wholly worthless, at the said time, in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate of the said James L. Port, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to the plaintiff in this libel, as set out in the first day of May, A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May, A. D. 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be granted before your libellant and the said James L. Port.

Dated this fifth day of December, A. D. 1917.

SUSIE W. DORT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Superior Court.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant, as plaintiff in the said Court, to appear before our Justices of said Court at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent to the plaintiff in the said libel, as set out in the libel, as set out in the first day of May, A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May, A. D. 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

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Dated this fifth day of December, A. D. 1917.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of James Howe, late of Tewksbury, in said County, deceased.

Whereas Esther M. Smith, the administratrix of said estate not already administered of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-ninth day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate of the said James Howe, late of Tewksbury, in said County, deceased.

Whereas your libellant, as plaintiff in the said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libel as set out in the libel, as set out in the first day of May, A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May, A. D. 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be granted before your libellant and the said James L. Port.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Dolly Randolph, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas your libellant, as plaintiff in the said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libel as set out in the libel, as set out in the first day of May, A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May, A. D. 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Henry J. Learned, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Wilbur E. Learned, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by Sabina F. Foley, who prays that let-
ters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, as Sabina Frances Foley, testifying giving a true and certain account of the contents of the instrument.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Charles D. Foley, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by Sabina F. Foley, who prays that let-
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Superior Court.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant, as plaintiff in the said libel, appear before our Justices of said Court at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent to the plaintiff in the said libel, as set out in the libel, as set out in the first day of May, A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May, A. D. 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of John L. Leighton, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of John L. Leighton, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas your libellant, as plaintiff in the said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libel as set out in the libel, as set out in the first day of May, A. D. 1900, did utterly desert your libellant, which said utter desertion has continued from said May, A. D. 1900, to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

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TERMS OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN ARMISTICE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice according to a statement issued here, oblige no transference of troops until Jan. 14 (January 1 Russian); no increase of troops on the fronts or on the islands in the Moon Sound or a regrouping of forces. Intercourse between the troops may be allowed from

sunset to sunset. Groups are limited to 25 persons at a time who may exchange articles of prime necessity.

The text of the agreement says:

"Between the representatives of the

higher command of Russia on the one

hand and of Bulgaria, Germany, Aus-

tria-Hungary and Turkey on the other

hand, for the purpose of achieving a

lasting and honorable peace between

both parties, the following armis-

tic is concluded:

"The armistice shall begin on Dec. 4,

(Dec. 17) at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

and continue until Jan. 1, (Jan. 14).

The contracting parties have the right

to break the armistice by giving seven

days' notice. Unless notice is given

the armistice automatically continues.

"The armistice embraces the land

and aerial forces on the front from the

Baltic to the Black sea and also the

Russo-Turkish front in Asia Minor. During the armistice the parties concerned oblige themselves not to increase the number of troops on the above fronts or on the islands in Moon Sound or to make a re-grouping of forces.

"Neither side is to make operative any transfers of units from the Baltic-Black sea front until Jan. 1, (Jan. 14) excepting those begun before the agreement is signed. They oblige themselves not to concentrate troops on parts of the Black sea east of 15 degrees of longitude east of Greenwich.

"The line of demarcation on the European front is the first line of defense. The space between will be neutral. The navigable rivers will be neutral, their navigation being forbidden except for necessary purposes of commercial transport or on sections where the positions are at great distance. On the Russo-Turkish front the line of demarcation will be arranged at the mutual consent of the chief commanders."

The armistice on the naval fronts embraces all of the Black sea and the Baltic sea east of the meridian 15 degrees of Greenwich. The demarcation line fixed for the Black sea is from the mouth of the Danube to the estuary of the Danube to Cape Garow. In the Baltic the line runs from Renguel to the western coast of Worms Island to the island of Jagshier to Khegarne.

Russian war vessels must not cross south of this line and the other parties must not go north. The Russian government, guaranteeing that its entire war vessels will obey the rules of this provision and that Russian warships shall not be allowed to sail among the Aland Islands.

The agreement continues:

"Intercourse will be allowed from sunrise to sunset, no more than 25 persons participating at a time. The participants may exchange papers, magazines, unsold mail and also may rely on trade in the exchange of articles of prime necessity.

"The question of release of troops freed from service who are beyond the line of demarcation will be solved during the peace negotiations. This applies also to Petrograd."

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

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definite period afterward unless a seven days' notice is given. Petrograd says that both sides agreed not to carry on military transfers on the eastern theater except those begun when the treaty was signed.

Alites May Recognize Bolsheviks

London newspapers forecast that the allies will give recognition to the Bolsheviks "in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic heel of Germany."

England to Release Tchitcherin

Great Britain is said to have decided to release Tchitcherin, a Russian political prisoner, and the Bolsheviks are now permitting British subjects to leave Russia. To the American delegates at the Paris conference is said to belong the credit for the tempering of the allied attitude toward the Bolsheviks.

Labor Strikes in Russia

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British Repulse Raids

British troops on the Cambrai front have repulsed raids by infantry and bombing parties on the southern end of the new salient. South of Lens the British improved their position and the artillery action has been more marked south of the Scarpe, in the Arras area, and north of Langemarck, in Flanders. In Champagne, north of the Chemin des Dames and south of St. Quentin, German efforts have been checked by the French while intermittent artillery activity has continued over a greater part of the front from St. Quentin to Switzerland.

British Report on Air Operations

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The British war office statement on aerial operations, issued last midnight reads:

"Although the weather was fine Saturday, a very high wind and gales, with a moderate temperature, and artillery work. Many rounds were fired during the day into enemy trenches and bombs were dropped on numerous targets, including two positions of long-range guns southwest of

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BROADWAY CLUB TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

At a largely attended meeting of the Broadway Social and Athletic Club held at the rooms yesterday afternoon, it was voted that the club play Santa Claus to a number of children in the neighborhood of the club rooms. Pres. Timothy F. O'Sullivan presided.

The club has voted to have a Christmas tree on the holiday, and to entertain the youngsters from 1 to 3 o'clock.

Each little present will get a real introduction to St. Nicholas himself, who has agreed to be present, and there will be gifts and carols for all.

The meeting of the club was

of special interest as the date on

which the charter for new members

closed. The club has nearly a score of

men now serving the United States.

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